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CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1847

Mint U. S. Jan 14/47

Sir,

I have received the December Reports from New Orleans & Dahlonega and now wait only for yours to present my annual report to the President

We have not received from you any assay coins since you resumed your operations.

I sincerely hope that this letter will prove to be unnecessary, but the delay makes me uneasy.

Rmp

Jr

Jr (G. W. Caldwell, Supt
Charlotte N C

To

G. W. Caldwell, Sup
Charlotte N.C.

14 Jan '47

U. States Br. Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 15 January 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing my Monthly Report for December 1846— I have delayed forwarding it, until I could get a return of the Coinage which was commenced in that month but which has just been completed — and which you will perceive is the largest Coinage ever made in this Mint in one Month—

My Report of the Bullion received for the Month of November was incomplete for want of three assays, — the total amount of Bullion received that Month was 369.99. 356.866. = $6.639.34. deductions $14.60— The Report for October is still incomplete, although all the assays have been made; I differ so materially with the Assayer in the Calculations of some of the assays that I prefer having a comparison with him (and who intended to have been in the Mint to day for that purpose) before reporting them.

I shall forward by Monday's mail to your address through the Secretary of the Treasury the Coin received at this Mint for the annual assay when I hope to be able to report in full the Amount of Bullion received in the Month of October

The Coiner requests that 50 lbs of fine Copper for alloy, be forwarded at as early a day as possible, also One or two sets of Iron Pans for the Refinery 12½ Inches in diameter 4 to the set, and half

a Dozen basins for holding nitrate of Silver

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

G. W. Caldwell, Sup

Charlotte

Rec'd 20 13 Jan 47

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Br. Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of December 1846.

	Grs	Weight	Stan.d	Weight	Value before deductions		Value after deductions
Bar	31.	97	28.	167	524.	04	
Do	6.	54	5.	572	103.	66	
Do	7.	52	8.	137	151.	38	
Do	11.	60	11.	508	214.	10	
Bechtlers Coins & Amalgam	16.	53	15.	313	284.	90	
Bars	7.	37	7.	287	135.	57	
Bechtlers Coins, Do, & Amalgam	46.	81	49.	081	913.	13	
Bar	15.	64	14.	665	272.	84	
Do	38.	36	33.	414	621.	66	
Amalgam	45.	94	44.	772	832.	97	
Bar	5.	28	5.	255	97.	77	
Amalgam	26.	25	27.	240	506.	79	
Amalgam, Bar & Bechtlers Coins	7.	31	7.	178	133.	54	
Bar	12.	08	10.	857	201.	99	
Do	19.	80	18.	963	352.	80	
Do	19.	18	19.	626	365.	13	
Amalgam	18.	48	19.	240	357.	95	
Do	27.	65	25.	882	481.	53	
Bars	52.	18	52.	747	981.	34	
Do	23.	27	20.	346	378.	53	
Amalgam & Bars	41.	55	42.	473	790.	19	
Grains	4	16	4	431	82.	44	
Bar	7.	47	7.	850	146.	05	
Amalgam	7.	67	6.	355	118.	23	
Do	30	91	29.	312	545.	34	
Do	6.	33	5.	864	109.	10	
Bar	6.	77	6.	452	120.	04	
Do	12.	15	12.	150	226.	05	
	556.	77.	540.	137.	10.049.	06.	No Deductions

1846

Decem.r 2. Quarter Eagles

18 Half Eagles

31 Half Eagles

" Half Eagles

¼ Eagles	½ Eagles	Dolls	cts.
4808		12.020.	—
	2.401.	12.005.	
	2.780.	13.900.	
	3.271.	16.355.	
	8452		
	5		
12,020	42260		
	12020		
	54,280		
4808.	8.452.	54280.	—
8,452			
13,260			

Treasury Department
First Audr. office
Jany 16th 1847

Sir

In adjusting the account of Green M. Caldwell, for rebuilding the Branch Mint at Charlotte No Ca, for the 4th quarter of 1846, I find a charge of $1.936,50 for extra work, which I do not feel justified in allowing, unless the work was done by your authority - I therefore enclose the voucher for your approval, to be returned to this office

Yours Mo Respectfully
Wm Collins

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Wm Collins

1st Aud.

Washington

Rec'd 18 16 Jan'y 47

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 18, 1847.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th, ~~calling my~~ referring to me a bill for extra work for ~~at~~ the Branch Mint at Charlotte, presented by the ~~Sup~~ Contractor, ~~and~~ paid by the Superintendent, and now ~~referred~~ laid before you for adjustment.

The plans and estimates for the new building at Charlotte having been made here, and the machinery having been put up under the personal superintendence of the Coiner's Foreman of this Mint, I have been able to get all the information necessary to justify me in giving my approval to the voucher, which I have accordingly done.

Of the several items, there is but one which seems to require any explanation. It is the charge of $290 for "making two rooms in the Superintendent's apartments in place of the piazza and putting a smaller piazza in front of said rooms." This work is justified by the ~~fact~~ circumstance, that in rebuilding the Mint, the entire upper story was ~~omit~~ dispensed with, so that additional accomodation was required in the ~~lower~~ principal story, or immediately connected with it; and hence

the necessity for the small rooms in question, although they did not form make part of the plans, or enter into the contract. The omission of the upper story was, even with this consequent expenditure, a measure of great economy.

You will do me a great favor if you will let me know the whole amount of the expenditures for the rebuilding of the Charlotte Mint, ~~made by Green & Co.~~ said made by the Superintendent.

P. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Wm. Collins, Esq
First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Pd/ Wm. Collins, 1st Aud.

Washington

18 Jan '47

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 22d. January 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding to you through the Secy of the Treasy the Coins reserved at this Mint for the annual assay numbering from 1 to 7 with the exception of No. 3. which was a Coinage of ½ Eagles reported at .900, but which from the sickness of the Assayer at that time, and the long intervals at which he would appear at the Mint, Mr. Strange has inadvertently paid out without reserving the pieces for assay. The Amt. consequently forwarded consists of 16 ½ Eagles = $80 and 8 ¼ Eagles = $20. in all $100 for which you will be pleased to give me credit.

Inasmuch as my monthly Reports of the reception of Gold Bullion have been very incomplete on account of the assays being delayed by the sickness of the Assayer, I beg to state that the Amt. rec'd for the Months of

October was	9.942.16.	9.658.459.	= $179.692.12.	deductions	$305.46
Novr. "	369.99.	356.866	= 6.639.34	"	14.64
Decr. "	556.77	540.137.	= 10.049.06.	"	00.00
Total Amt. Coy	10.868.92.	10.555.462.	= $196.380.52.		$320.10.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell Supt.

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

From,

G. W. Caldwell, Sup

Charlotte N. C.

Rec'd 27 22 Jan 47

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 28, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith a copy of my annual report mailed yesterday to the President. It was obliged for some necessary statements from the Charlotte Mint. You will see that the whole coinage of the year exceeds that of 1845, by nearly a million

I have received this morning, by the hands of your messenger Mr. Pettit, a roll of assay-coins from the Charlotte Mint. This remittance completes the series from all the Mints, for the annual assay to be held on the 8th of February. May I again most respectfully pray that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the Commissioners to attend on that occasion?

~~Under the authority given in your letter of the~~

R. M. S.

To
Wm. B. J. Walker
Sec. of Treas.

P.

Sec of Treasury

28 Jan'47

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 5th February 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding my Report of the reception of Bullion for the Month of January at this Mint.

On the 22d Ult. I forwarded to your address through the Secretary of the Treasury the Coins reserved at this Mint for the annual assay which I hope have reached you.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Jam,

G. W. Caldwell, Sup

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd 11 5 Feb. 47

February 1847

From,
G. W. C. Supp
Charlotte

Rec'd 11th Feb. '47

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca for the month of January 1847.

	Gross Weight		Stan.d Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions
	Oz	dec.s	Oz	dec.s	Dollars	cts	
Bars	7.	76	8.	355	155.	40	
Bars & grains	30	53	30	461	566	71	
Amalgam	7.	17	6	187	115.	10	
Bars	46	50	46	954	873.	75	
Bechtlers Coins & Amalgam	26	61	26	593	494.	74	
Bars	84.	28	89.	511	1.665.	31	
Do.	17.	32	16.	626	309.	32	
Amalgam	14.	10	14	052	261.	43	
Do.	5.	32	5.	035	93.	67	
Do.	16.	47	16.	853.	313.	54	
Do.	19.	30	19.	973.	371.	59	
Do.	6.	06	5.	063	94.	20	
Do.	22.	42	23.	391	435.	18	
Do.	7.	15	6.	204	115.	42	
Bars & Amalgam	19.	62	19.	645	365.	48	
Bar	28.	37	26.	320	489.	67	
Do.	8.	13	6	774	126	03	
Amalgam	17.	53	16.	652	309.	80	
Bar	6.	77	7.	121	132.	48	
Bars & Amalgam	102.	76	101.	377	1.886.	08	
Bars	31.	47	28.	178	524	24	
Do.	10.	11	10	121	188.	30	
Amalgam	5	98	5.	540	103.	07.	
	541.	73	536.	984	9.990.	51.	

No Deductions

No Coinage executed during the Month.

½ Eagles	¼ Eagles	Dolls.	cts.

Mint U.S. Feb. 12 '47

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., with your report for the Month of January.

The coins sent through the Secretary of the Treasury were duly received, as you have found from my letters regarding the annual assay.

I have to request that henceforward you will sent to me by mail, with your report for every month, the coins reserved during that month for the annual assay. Instructions to this effect were given by me to the other Mints when the new postage law went into execution; but as your Mint was not then in operation you were overlooked.

Rm P.

To

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.,
Sup. Br. Mt, Charlotte N.C.

D.

G. W. Caldwell, Sup.
Charlotte N.C.

12 Feb. '47

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 1 March 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding to you my Report of the Amount of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at this Mint for the Month of February last.

I have also forwarded to you by this days Mail, the Coins reserved at this Mint for the Annual Assay through the address of the Secretary of the Treasury being 20 ½ Eagles = $100.

You will be pleased to forward for this Mint 12 Carboys nitric acid for the use of the Refinery — The Melter & Refiner would be glad if you would send a small lot of black lead Pots assorted sizes from No 14 to 20. he says that they are not only convenient, but economical in melting his fine Gold and in toughening deposites, he thinks about Six of each number would be plenty for the present

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

G. W. Caldwell, Sup

Charlotte 1 Mart '47

Rec'd 6th

March 1847

Statement of Gold Bullion rec.d and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a for the Month of February 1847.

	Gross Weight		Stan.d Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions
	Ozs.	dec.s	Ozs.	dec.s	Dollars	Cts.	
Bars	13.	66	12.	764	237.	47	
Do.	31.	15	29.	728	553.	08	
Amalgam	5.	93	6	330	117.	76	
Do.	99.	24	103.	165	1.919.	34	
Do.	6	53	6.	790.	126.	32	
Bars	251.	48	260.	934	4.854.	58	
Amalgam	14.	14	14.	233	264.	80	
Do.	5.	65	5.	430.	101.	02	
Bars & Amalgam	13.	10	12.	660	235.	54	
Bars	12.	87	12.	912	240.	22	
Do.	33.	55	34.	405	640.	09	
Do.	27.	20	26.	459	492.	06	
Do.	5.	56	5.	477	101.	90	
Amalgam	49.	96	48.	699	906.	02	
Bar	5.	75	5.	755	107.	07	
Do.	7.	10	6	538.	121.	64	
Amalgam	8.	66	8.	678	161.	45	
Bar	9.	80	8.	330	154.	97	
Do.	5.	35	5.	646	105.	04	
Do.	3.	68	3.	837.	71.	38	
	610.	36	618.	770.	11.511.	75.	

No deductions

		No. of Pieces	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	Cts.
February	Half Eagles	6.340.		31.700.	
	Do.	9.394.		46.970.	
		15.734.		78.670.	

Treasury Department
March 8. 1847.

Sir

I send by this mail a package of Coins for a pay received from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte & sent to the Department, as he states by your direction.

I am very Resp^y.

P. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philad^a.

From
Sec. of Treasury
March 8/67.
Rec'd. 9th.

Mint U.S.

March 10, 1867.

Sir,

The package of assay coins from the Dahlonega Mint, referred to in your letter of the 8th, was received yesterday. After instructions which I had given to the Superintendent of that Mint, and which I thought explicit, that these remittances should be sent direct to me, I hoped that you would not have been troubled with this matter again. I shall take care that it be the last time.

R. M. S.

To

Hon. R. J. Walker

Secy of Treas.

Tof

Sec. of Treasury

10 March '47

Private.

Dear Sir,

I see by your military appointment that we have to apprehend your loss as Superintendent of the Charlotte Mint. I assure you that I deeply regret it. Your official course has, I believe given entire satisfaction to all, — certainly to me. I repeat therefore, that I shall be very sorry to lose you as a fellow officer, while I honor the patriotic motives which lead you to the sacrifice.

Very truly your friend
R.M.T.

Capt. Green W. Caldwell.

Mint U.S.

March 11 /47.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st inst was ~~duly~~ received, ~~and~~ ~~you~~ on the 6th, and I was glad to see, from your report for February, that you had been able to accomplish a large amount of coinage.

The package of assay-coins was received through the Sub-Treasury ~~Department~~, yesterday; and I was much surprised at finding that you had not sent them direct to me, as I supposed that I had requested you to do, in my letter of the 12th ult. I find, however, on referring to it, that I had not expressed my wish clearly, and that you are ~~perfectly~~ quite excusable for having misunderstood me. You will please, then, henceforward, to direct the assay coins to me at Philadelphia, and not to send them through the Treasury Department.

Your orders for acids and pots are attended to. You will see, however, by the last account rendered to you, that I am out of funds for your Mint; and it will be necessary that you ~~draw on the Department, in my favor, for~~ ask, of the Secretary, a warrant in my favor, for such an amount as will give me the necessary funds: say $300.00

R. M. P.

Jr

F/ G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Bu. Mt. Charlotte

Dr

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Sup.

March 10/47 Charlottetown

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 23d. March 1847.

Sir

Having accepted the appointment of Superintendent of the Mint in this place, recently conferred upon me by the President, I have the honor of inclosing my Official Bond with the accompanying certificate of Mr Caldwell as to its sufficiency, which when approved by you, you will please transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t

Wm J Alexander

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. I. Alexander

Charlotte N.B.

Recd 29th 23 mar. 47

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N. C.
March 23. 1847

Sir

I am well acquainted with the circumstances of Wm I Alexander security to his Bond, and do hereby certify, that they are amply good & sufficient.

I have the honor
to be your obt Svt

G. W. Caldwell
Supt.

R. M. Patterson
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From,

G. W. Caldwell, Sup

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd 29th 23 mar. '47

Concord N. C.
March 25. 1847.

Dear Sir,

I am requested by R. J. Alexander Esq. lately appointed Superintendent of Branch Mint, Charlotte. N. C. to certify as to the sufficiency of his bond, executed by himself and George F. Davidson & John F. Hoke Esqrs — The bondsmen Messrs Davidson & Hoke, are together worth, free of debt, at least $100.000 — and I consider myself the bond as amply sufficient under the act of Congress to cover all liabilities —

Very Truly.
Yr. Obt. Svt.
D. M. Barringer

Dr. Patterson,
Supt. Mint. Phila.

From,

D. M. Barringer MC

Concord NC.

Rec'd 3d 25 March 47

Mint U.S. Phil. March 29, 1847

Sir,

I send enclosed the official bond of Wm. J. Alexander, with John F. Hoke and George F. Davidson as sureties, given on his receiving the appointment of Superintendent of the Branch of the Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina. I have given a certificate that it is to my satisfaction, on the assurance conveyed in a letter from Mr. Caldwell, of which a copy is annexed.

R.M.P. Dr.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

Copy (Mr. Caldwell's letter of 23 Mar '47)

T.

Sec. of Treasury
Washington

29 Mar. '47

Mint U. S. Philadn March 29, 1847

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d inst., with your official bond given on receiving the appointment of Superintendent of the U.S. Branch Mint at Charlotte. To this bond I have given my approbation, on the assurance conveyed in Mr. Caldwell's letter; and the papers are sent to the Secretary of the Treasury.

From the accounts I have received of you, I am sure that I have reason to congratulate myself on your appointment. I beg that you will communicate with me freely and in full confidence.

I pray you to present to Mr. Caldwell the assurances of my high regard.

Rm P.

To/
Wm. I. Alexander,
Supt. of Br Mt.
Charlotte N.C.

To,

Wm. D. Alexander

Charlotte nc

29 mar. 47

Office of Weights & Measures
Washington Apr. 7. 1847

Sir

The ounce weights (troy) which you desired might be prepared at this office for the Branch Mint in North Carolina, are now ready, and I would respectfully ask what disposition to make of them

Yours respectfully

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

A. D. Bache.
Supt. Ws. & Meas.

From,

A. D. Bache

Supt Wts & Mens

Washington

Recd 9 April 47

Charlotte

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 12 April 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting my Report of the Amt. of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at this Mint for the Month of March last: also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay ($70) Seventy Dollars

In closing our Official correspondence allow me to express my heart felt acknowledgements for the Kindness and courteousness which have ever characterized Your Communications and sincerely to hope that you may long continue to fill the Office you now administer with so much benefit to our Common Country

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G W Caldwell
Late Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

G. W. Caldwell, late Sup

Charlotte N.B.

Recd 17 12 April 47

April 1847

Statement of Gold Bullion rec.d and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of March 1847.

	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts	Standard Weight Ozs.	dwts	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions.		1847.
Amalgam	5.	70	6.	206	115.	46	115.	46	March 31
Do	4.	50	4.	200	78.	14	78.	14	
Bars	52.	52.	52.	626	979.	09	979.	09	
Do	8.	73	7.	972	148.	32.	148.	32.	
Amalgam	39.	28	36.	704	682.	86	682.	86	
Bars	6.	77	7.	098	132.	06	132.	06	
Do	10.	45	10.	832	201.	52.	201.	52.	
Do	13.	38	12.	710	236.	46	236.	46	
Do	4.	65.	4.	147	77.	15	77.	15	
Do	77.	38	66.	888	1.244.	43	1.232.	15.	
Do	70.	78	68.	832.	1.280	60	1.280.	60	
Do	3.	11	3.	251	60.	48	60.	48	
Do	80.	62.	82.	142.	1.528.	22.	1.527.	42.	
Do	19.	01	20.	698	385.	08	385.	08	
Amalgam	54.	63	58.	337.	1.085.	33	1.085.	33.	
Bars	13.	28	11.	390	211.	91	211.	91	
Do	8.	15	7.	577.	140.	97	140.	97	
Bars & Amalgam	47.	20	45.	311	842.	99.	842.	99	
Amalgam	32.	18	32.	172	598.	57	598.	57	
Do	14.	45	14.	962	278.	36	278.	36	
Do	6	02.	5.	872	109.	25.	109.	25	
Do	12.	47	12.	552	233.	52.	233.	52.	
Bar	17.	19	13.	751	255.	83	255.	83	
Amalgam	43.	70	44.	816	833.	79	833.	79	
	646.	15.	631.	046.	11.740.	39.	11.727.	31.	

	½ Eagles No. of Pieces	¼ Eagles No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Half Eagles	9.341.		46.705.	
Quarter Eagles		4.103.	1025.75	
	9.341.	4.103.	56.962.	50.

13,449

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 7th May 1847.

Sir

In the absence of the Superintendent (who was compelled to attend a Court this week about 30 miles distant) I have the honor of transmitting a statement for the month of April of the amount of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at this Mint, also the Coins reserved for the annual Assay = 8 ½ Eagles and 4 ¼ Eagles = $50.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. L. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. F. Strange, Clerk

Branch Mint

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd 12th 7th May '47

May 1847

Statement of Gold Bullion rec.d at the Br. Mint at Charlotte N.C. for April 1847.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	5.	71	4.	700	87.	44	87.	44
Bars	62.	30	59.	463	1.106.	29	1.105.	85
Do.	31.	11	31.	964	594.	67	594.	67
Do.	5.	35	4.	944	91.	98	91.	98
Do.	7.	65	6.	391	118.	90	118.	90
Do.	9.	08	9.	835	182.	98	182.	98
Bar & Amalgam	11.	75	10.	697	199.	02.	199.	02
Bar	22.	24	22.	240	413.	77	413.	77
Amalgam & Bar	19.	17	18.	377	341.	90	341.	90
Bars	734.	74	754.	518	14.037.	52.	14.030.	23
Amalgam	10.	52	10.	386	193.	23	193.	23
Bar	27.	86	22.	162	412.	32.	407.	66
Amalgam	4.	51	4.	540	84.	46	84.	46
Do.	5.	07	3.	948	73.	45	73.	45
Do.	14.	94	15.	611	290.	44.	290.	44
Bar	10.	82.	10.	578	196.	80	196.	80
Bechtler's Coins	3.	93	3.	757.	69.	90	69.	90
Amalgam	34.	58	33.	785	628.	55.	628.	55
Burned Coins	5.	28	4.	751	88.	39	88.	39
Bars	17.	60	18.	344	341.	27.	341.	27
Pieces & Amalgam	11.	64.	9.	634	179.	24	179.	24
Amalgam	8.	67	8.	407.	156.	41	156.	41
Bar	10.	69	10.	346	192.	48	192.	48
Do.	36.	97	36.	352	676.	32.	676.	32.
Amalgam	446.	46	418.	342.	7.783.	10	7.783.	10
Bar	10.	04.	10.	820.	201.	30	201.	30
Bar & Amalgam	13.	57	13.	840	257.	49.	257.	49.
Bar	8.	87	9.	420	175.	26	175.	26
Do.	34.	17.	34.	951	650.	25.	650.	25
Carried forw.d	1.623.	69.	1.603.	103.	29.825.	13.	29.812.	74.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. for the month of April 1847.

	Gross Weight Ozs.	dees.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amt. brot. forward	1.623.	69	1.603.	103	29.825.	13.	29.812.	74
Bars	35.	93	33.	534.	623.	90	623.	90
Do.	4.	81	5.	161	96.	02	96.	02
Do.	36.	31	32.	476.	604.	20	604.	20.
Do.	385.	33.	390.	430.	7.263.	82.	7.261.	25.
Do.	17.	55	19.	050	354.	42.	354.	42
Amalgam	34.	80	35.	407.	658.	74.	658.	74
Bars.	183.	72	198.	650.	3.695.	82.	3.694.	50
Do.	18.	89	19.	371	360.	39.	360.	39
Bechtlers Coins	22.	98	21.	906	407.	55.	407.	55
Bar & Pieces	11.	76	10.	883.	202.	47.	202.	47
Bar	7.	27	7.	341	136.	58.	136.	58
Do.	9.	41	7.	715	143.	53.	143.	53
Do.	11.	33.	6.	910	128.	56.	128.	56
Amalgam	7.	38	7.	533.	140.	15.	140.	15
Bar	22.	24	19.	298	359.	03.	359.	03
Amalgam	5.	80	5.	367	99.	85	99.	85
Bechtlers, Amalgm & Jewelry	72.	10	55.	821	1.038.	54	1.033.	16.
Amalgm Bars & Bechtlers Coins	6.	58	6.	740	125.	40.	125.	40.
	2.517.	88.	2.486.	696	46264.	10.	46.242.	44.

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	½ Eagles No of Pieces	¼ Eagles No of Pieces	Value Dolls. Cts.
April			
Quarter Eagles		4.624.	11.560.
Half Eagles	2.493.		12.465.
Half Eagles	3.530.		17.650.
	6.023.	4.624.	41.675.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 12 May 1847.

Sir

I have to day made a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in your favor for Three Hundred Dollars. You will be pleased to acknowledge the Rec.t with the Nos + dates of the Warrant + Draft, and the place where payable.

I will write you more fully by next mail

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm. J. Alexander
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

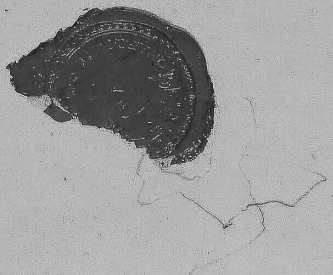
From

W. S. Alexander Sup

Charlotte N.C.

12 May 47

Rec'd 17



U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 15th May 1847.

Sir

I have failed to acknowledge your letter approving my Bond as Superintendent of this Mint, that I might write to you on this subject, and freely on every thing connected with the Establishment here.

The precise amount of Gold Coined, you are duly apprised of by the reports sent you from this place. The only matter I wish now to state to you, is the difficulty between the Assayer & Coiner, about the Room alluded to in your letter of the 8th July 1846. In this letter to Mr Caldwell my Predecessor, you fully concur in his views, that the Room opposite to the Room of the Clerk of the Mint, should be assigned to the Coiner. Unfortunately for me Mr Caldwell made no decision on the subject, and it is left for me, to do, what I may think right under the written instructions from you to him.

Inasmuch as it will be a very unpleasant duty to perform, I beg that you will give me your opinion on this subject so that I may feel fully satisfied in the course I may think proper to pursue.

I feel anxious about this, as I learn that Dr. Gibbon threatens to resign his Office rather than give up his room.

Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Servt
Wm. J. Alexander
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director. Phila

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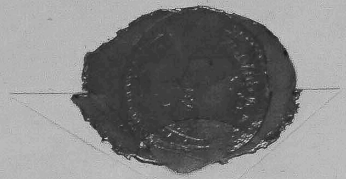
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia



Treasury Department
May 18th 1847

Sir,

Wm. J. Alexander Esq. Superintendt of the U.S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. having in a letter under date of the 12th inst. requested that a sum of 300 Dollars may be transmitted to you on account of an appropriation for the Contingt expenses &c of that Branch Mint, I will direct to you the Check of a remittance of that amount, which I have this day directed to be made to you.

Very Respectfully Sir
Your Obt. Servt
R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
at Philadelphia

From,

Sec. of Treasury

Washington

Rec'd 19th 18 May 64

Mint U. S. Philad^a May 22, 1847.

Sir,

In consequence of the Requisition which you made, on the Treasury Department, in my favor, I yesterday received Treas^y Drft No. 6277 on Trg Wt. No. 9171 for Three hundred dollars and this amount is placed to your credit on my books.

I had hoped that the question of a room for the Corners office had been settled long since. I have just been looking over my letter of the 8th of July last, to the Superintendent of your mint, and I cannot see any reason to change the views which I have there taken of the Subject. I send enclosed a copy of my correspondence on the Subject with the Manager; and thus the whole matter is laid before you for your action.

Yours

R M P.

To

Wm I. Alexander, Esq.
Sup. B.M.
Charlotte N.C.

To,

W. I. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte N.C.

22 may 47

(Copy)

U. States Branch Mint N. Ca
Charlotte 7th June 1847.

Sir

I feel satisfied that unless the Director had been apprised that the Coiner had no Office, and that the Superintendent designed to occupy all the private apartments in the Mint, he never would have authorized the occupation of my private Office by any other Officer.

I have been accustomed to consider this Office, as one of my privileges, since the acceptance of my Commission.

By a slight sacrifice upon the part of the Superintendent, or a little ingenuity — a convenient adjusting room up Stairs might readily be obtained, without depriving one of a convenience, which the original draught of the Building — sanctioned by the Secy of the Treasury entitled me to claim

I inclose the Key of the Office according to your request of the 6th Inst — but I consider the deprivation a great injustice to me personally, and calculated to delay the operations in my department in the inclement season —

I am &c
(Signd) P. H. Gibbon

Wm J. Alexander Esq
Superintendent &c

From,
W. J. Alexander, Esq
Charlotte
Rec'd 19 14 June 47

June 1847

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the month of May 1847.

	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	10.	26	10.	053.	187.	03	187.	03
Do	6.	41	5.	376	100.	02	100.	02
Bar & Amalgam	18.	19	17.	690	329.	12.	329.	12
Bar	11.	92	12.	038	223.	96	223.	96
Amalgam	33.	77	33.	618	625.	45	625.	45
Bars	11.	54	11.	897	221.	34	221.	34
Bars & Amalgam	19.	02	16.	356	304	30	304.	30.
Bars	16.	27	17.	100	318.	14.	318.	14.
Amalgam	48.	02	46.	525	865.	58.	865.	58
Do	10.	55	10.	338	192.	33	192.	33.
Bar	10.	15	6.	213.	115.	60	115.	60
Amalgam	7.	82	8.	210	152.	74	152.	74
Bars	20.	63	17.	533.	326.	19	326.	19
Amalgam & Bars	11.	82	11.	700	217.	67.	217.	67.
Bechtlers Coins	8.	30	7.	931	147.	55	147.	55
Amalgam	12.	42	12.	874	239.	52.	239.	52
Bar	5.	31	4.	300	80.	00.	80.	00.
Amalgam	18.	21	18.	147	337.	62.	337.	62.
Do	17.	40	17.	998	334.	85	334.	85
Bar	6.	35	5.	813	108.	15	108.	15
Amalgam & Bars	22.	69	17.	445	324.	56	321.	05
Bar	19.	15	13.	573	252.	52	249.	37.
Bars	2.660.	56	2.591	245	48.209.	18	48.132.	69.
Do	8.	79	7.	274	135.	33	135.	33
Amalgam	26	15	23.	678	440.	52.	440.	52
Bars	29.	20	25.	208	468.	98	468.	98
	3.070.	90	2.970.	133.	55.258.	25.	55.175.	10.

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May

	No. of Pieces ½ Eagles	No. of Pieces ¼ Eagles	Value Dolls.	Cts.
Half Eagles	3.396.		16.980.	
Do	2.439.		12.195.	
Do	3.256.		16.280.	
	9.091		45.455.	

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 14th June 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you my Report of the amount of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at this Branch of the Mint for the Month of May, as well as the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay. (12 ½ Eagles = $60.00.)

The fourth last deposite on the list, received on the 27th you will perceive is a very large one, and consists of 38 separate assays, almost all of which required melting previous to assay, which is the reason of my Report being so long delayed.

I have placed the Coiner in the contested room, greatly to the annoyance of Dr. Gibbon, but in order to please him I even offered to give him my back room, as I did not intend, as he well knew, to occupy the private apartments with my Family, and this he has refused to accept.

Upon communicating to him my determination I received a letter from him of the 7th Inst. of which I send you a copy. I do this to inform you that Dr. Gibbon has placed his removal from the room, in part, on the ground, that you were ignorant, that the Coiner already had an Office. This was a matter that had been in Daily last, fully discussed between you, Mr. Caldwell, and Dr. Gibbon, and he well knew that the very ground of complaint was, that although the Coinier had a room it was totally unfit for him, but was wanted for an adjusting room.

I write this to give you information in anticipation of any probable Complaint of my decision.

There are other matters about the

Mint connected with the Assayer about which there has been some complaint of which I will hereafter inform you.

The Melter & Refiner makes a requisition upon me for 12 Carboys of nitric acid and One Bbl of sand crucibles which I will thank you to have forwarded at as early a day as possible as we are nearly out of both.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Wm J Alexander
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U.S. Phil. June 25/47

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., with the report of your operations for May, and a package of coins reserved for the Annual Assay.

The requisition made by you for acids & crucibles shall be immediately attended to.

I am sincerely sorry for the inconvenience to which Dr Gibbon has been put, and am not surprised that he should complain; though I regret the tone which he has used and remain convinced of the justice of the measure which has been taken.

Yours

R.M.P.

Dr

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W. J. Alexander, Esq.

Supt B.M.

Charlotte N.C.

P.

W. J. Alexander, Esq

Charlotte N.C.

25 June '47

Treasury Department
Jany. 28. 1847.

Sir

I transmit herewith a Roll stated to contain the Coins reserved at the Branch Mint at Charlotte for assay at Philad^a. The were received from Charlotte this Morning.

I am very Resp^y
R. J. Walker
Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

From,

Sec. of Treasury

Rec'd. 28th '28 Jan'47

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 2d. July 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting my Report of the Amount of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at this Branch of the Mint for the month of June, as well as the Coins reserved for the annual Assay (8½ Eagles = $ 80.00.)

The Melter & Refiner requests that I would have forwarded 75 lbs of fine Copper, 30 lbs of Corrosive sublimate 1 Bbl of Roman cement and ½ Bbl of sperm Oil.

The Assayer also informs me that he requires some new muffles for the small French Assay Furnace — another set of annealing cupels, and one carboy of pure acid for assaying — All of which I will thank you to have attended to at your earliest convenience.

I have not received your Abs of expenditures for this Mint, for the Quarter just ended — will you be kind enough to continue with me, the arrangement made with Mr Caldwell of forwarding your Abs some time before the expiration of the Quarter for the same reason as was then suggested.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Wm J. Alexander
Superintendent.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander, Supt.

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd 7th. 2 July 47

July 1847

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the Charlotte Branch Mint during the Month of June 1847

Description of Bullion	Gross. Oz.	Weight dec.	Stan.d Oz.	Weight dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1847.		No. of Pieces ½ Eagles	No. of pieces ¼ Eagles.	Value Dolls.	cts.
Amalgam	9.	15	9.	383	174.	57.	174.	57						
Bar	17.	63	17.	570	326.	88	326.	88	June	Half Eagles	2.526.		12.630.	
Do	5.	81	6.	164	114.	68	114.	68		Do.	2.529.		12.645.	
Do.	20.	82.	12.	768	237.	54.	234.	50.						
Do.	75.	10	55.	490	1.032.	37	1.020.	76.						
Amalgam	69.	45	60.	883.	1.132.	71	1.121.	55.						
Do.	1.992.	39	1.857.	685	34.561.	54.	34.409.	26.						
Do.	5.	47	5.	062	94.	17	94.	17						
Bar	11.	86	11.	294	210.	12.	210.	12						
Do.	11.	30	10.	684	198.	77.	198.	77						
Do.	39.	45	35.	885	667.	62.	667.	62.						
Do.	9.	04	7.	864	146.	31	146.	31						
Amalgam	6.	04	6.	106	113.	60	113.	60						
Do.	41.	28	43.	972	818.	09	818.	09						
Bar	18.	72	19.	508	362.	94	362.	76						
Amalgam	29.	95	30.	481	567.	09.	567.	09						
Do.	6.	08	6.	080	113.	12.	113.	12						
Bars & Amalgam	285.	23	293.	687	5.463.	93	5.461.	44						
Bars	392.	01	407.	330	7.578.	23.	7.574.	41						
Amalgam	5.	65	5.	347.	99.	48	99.	48						
Do.	5.	53	5.	640	104.	93	104.	93						
Bars & Amalgam	9.	15	9.	220.	171.	53.	171.	53						
Amalgam	26.	36.	27.	003	502.	38	502.	38						
Bar	7.	77	6.	801	126.	53	126.	53.						
Do.	110	50	84.	962	1.580.	69	1.563.	62.						
Do.	14.	80	14.	421	268.	30	268.	30						
Do.	20.	41	11.	723	218.	10	218.	10						
Do.	6.	82	7.	001	130.	25.	130.	25.						
	3253.	77	3.070.	014.	57.116.	47.	56.914.	72.			5.055.		25.275.	00.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of July 1847.

Description of Bullion	Gross weight Ozs.	dwts	Stand.d weight Ozs.	dwts	Value before Deductions Dolls.	cts.	Value after Deductions Dolls.	cts.
Amount brought forward	495.	87	488.	389.	9.086.	28	9.079.	16.
Amalgams	7.	18	5.	766.	107.	27.	107.	27
Do	27.	47	25.	271	470	16	470	16
Bar	19.	07	15.	996	297.	60	297.	60
Do	16.	71	15.	083.	280	61	280	61
Do	9.	76	9.	552	177.	71	177.	71
	576.	06	560.	057.	10.419.	63.	10.412.	51

1847.

	Description	½ Eagles No. of Pieces	¼ Eagles No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
July	Half Eagles	3.203.		16.015.	
	Do.	3.059.		15.295.	
	Do.	3.216.		16.080.	
	Do.	3.406.		17.030.	
	Do	1.877.		9.385.	
		14.761.		73.805.	

Statement of Gold Bullion received at the Br. Mint at Charlotte N.C. &c &c,

Description of Bullion	Gross weight Ozs.	dwts.	Standard weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	16	02.	14	260	265.	30.	265.	30.
Bar	18.	90	15.	896	295.	74	295.	74
Do.	14.	52	11.	808	219.	68	219.	68
Do.	21.	28	21.	618	402.	19	402.	19
Amalgam	17.	10	16.	871	313.	88	313.	88
Bar	6.	39	5.	086	94.	62.	94.	62
Amalgam	9.	00	9.	030	168.	00	168.	00
Amalgam & Bars	35.	08	35.	062	652.	31.	652.	31.
Bar	21.	34	21.	694	403.	61.	403.	61.
Sweep & Amalgam	27.	55.	27.	855	518.	23	518.	23
Amalgam	7.	85	8.	311	154.	62	154.	62
Do.	14.	90	15.	065	280.	28	280.	28
Bars	38.	62	36.	086	671.	36	671.	36
Do.	23.	52	20.	932	389.	43	389.	43
Amalgam	20.	66	19.	326	359.	55.	359.	55
Do.	10.	70	10.	996	204.	58	204.	58
Do.	21.	33	21.	661	402.	99	402.	99
Bar	7.	50	6.	716	124.	95	124.	95
Bars & Amalgam	21.	77	20.	871	388.	30.	388.	30.
Bars & Amalgam	41.	28	42.	818	796.	64.	796.	64.
Amalgam	15.	01	13.	274	246.	96	246.	96
Do.	23.	14	23.	140	430.	51.	430.	51.
Do.	45.	70	36.	712	683.	01	675.	89
Bar	6.	38	6.	747	125.	52	125.	52
Do.	4.	94	3.	928	73.	08	73.	08
Do.	8.	45	7.	726	143.	74	143.	74
Do.	5.	74	5.	853	108.	89	108.	89
Do.	5.	78	5.	143	95.	68	95.	65
Do.	5.	42	3.	904	72.	63	72.	63
Carried forward	495.	87.	488.	389.	9.086.	28	9.079.	16

Mint U. S. Phil. July 9/47

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., with the report of ~~your~~ the operations of your Mint for June, and a package of coins reserved during the same month for the annual assay.

Your requisition for Corrosive sublimate has been already sent and that for Copper and pure nitric acid will be soon attended to. You also ask for one barrel of Roman cement, and a ½ barrel of sperm oil. Let me suggest the propriety of ordering these articles at Charleston, you will get them sooner and at a less cost for transportation.

On the 14th June you made a requisition for 12 carboys nitric acid, and they have been forwarded. On the 12 of March last 12 carboys of acid had been sent to you, by the Patmos to the care of Chambers & white. Had they been received? If so your consumption of acid must be very great.

Yrs RNP. &c

To/ W. J. Alexander, Esq
Charlotte, N.C.

P. S. We have shipped, in addition to the acid & corrosive sublimate, One tierce of Round Sand crucibles. The cupels are ordered

No 1

Wm. I. Alexander Esqr

Charlotte N.B.

9 Feb'y 47

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 14th July 1847.

Sir

Your letter of the 9th Inst is before and I notice that my various requisitions, have been or would be soon attended to, with the exception of a barrel of Roman Cement and half a barrel of sperm oils, which you suggest could be procured as well in Charleston, and at a less cost of transportation. I was not sure that the Roman Cement could be procured in Charleston, and as I was making a requisition for other articles, I thought I might as well include them also.

The consumption of acid in this Mint is indeed great, but not so great in proportion to the extent of our operations now, as formerly. I am informed that for every pound of gold, 8 lbs of acid were used - as thus - formerly 3 parts of silver were added to 1 of Gold - now 2 parts of silver only are added to 1 of Gold, thereby not only saving acid but time in the Refinery, as 100 lbs of mixed metal formerly contained only 25 lbs of gold, now the same weight of metal contains 33⅓ lbs of gold, can be separated in the same space of time, with the same amount of acid, and is almost invariably of a higher quality than when 3 parts were added.

You are already aware that the gold of this region is generally of a very low quality, but you are probably not aware, that for almost every pot of Ingots, it is necessary to have made and separated a considerable quantity of mixed metal in order to have fine gold to work up those deposites which may range in the neighbourhood of Stan'd Gold - the labour in the Refinery is very great, as you will perceive, when you are informed that since October last we have been obliged to separate 10.759 52/100 Oz. of Gold for the purpose of enabling us to make Ingots for Coinage -

Should you think we are working too extravagantly, or to a disadvantage, any suggestions you may be pleased to make, will be

most respectfully received and attended to.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm J. Alexander
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. I. Alexander,

Sup. B. M.

New Orleans

Charlotte

Rec'd 19th 14 July 4

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia
16 July 47

Gent:

Be good enough to forward the articles included in the enclosed bill of lading to Charleston.

In a previous bill of lading, covering 12 casks of nitric acid, I find by a duplicate in my possession that the name of the vessel was omitted. It should have been the bb Stoatten, the same which takes the articles now confided to you.

Very Respectfully
R. Patterson
Clerk.

Chambers & White
Charleston S.C.

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Chambers & White
Charleston S.C.

16 July '42

Mint U.S. Philad^a July 21/42

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

I was aware that the proportion of silver used for quartation had been reduced, and as a consequence, the quantity of acid. This made me the more surprised at the amount you were asking. I think however that your explanation is quite satisfactory; and I am convinced that while you have so much metal to part, the consumption of acid cannot be reduced.

On the 1st of June the balance of your funds in my hands was $309.07. The amount of bills since paid or payable is $497.79; from which you will see the necessity of again putting me in funds: say by a requisition in my favor for $300.

Of the articles lately ordered for your Mint we have sent — the sand crucibles; the acids for parting & assaying; and the copper. The bills of lading have been sent to Messrs Chambers & White.

RMP

Sec

Mr W J Alexander, Supt
Charlotte N.C.

To

W. S. Alexander, Esq.

Charleston S.C.

21 July 47

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – 1847 (CONT.)

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 30th July 1847.

Sir

According to the request, contained in your letter of the 21st Inst., I have this day made a requisition on the Treas. Department in your favor for $300.

It has been represented to me (and I am fully cognizant of the fact) that the operations of the Mint have been very laborious for the last 10 Months, and the Officers and men request me to obtain your Consent, for a cessation of the operations of the Mint, during the Month of Septr., that they may leave the Town, in order to avoid the sickness generally prevalent during that month, and recruit their strength for the Fall & Winter operations which from all appearances will be increased.

It is understood that the Branch at New Orleans ceases operations from 1 July to 1st October on account of the sickness of that place, it is urged that the same cause exists here, though not to such an extent, and that during the month of September they have never been able to perform full work - One or more of the Officers and men being generally sick, and moreover that little business is done in the Mint during that month, in consequence of the sickness prevailing in this Country.

I respectfully submit the matter for your favorable Consideration, and would be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm. J. Alexander Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte

Rec'd 5 Aug. 30 July 47

August 1847

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 2d August 1847

Sir

In the absence of the Superintendent (who has gone to the Mountains on a visit to his Family) I have the honor of inclosing the Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month of July, and also of transmitting by the same mail, the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay — 20 ½ Eagles = $100.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. F. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. I. Alexander, Sup
(through W. F. Strange Clk)
Charlotte N. C.

Rec'd. 7. 2 Aug. 47

Mint U.S. Phil. Aug. 7 '47

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ult.

The requisition made ~~in your~~ on the Treasury Dept in my favor, for $300. has this day brought to me a draft for that amount, No. 7056 on Div. No. 407 and the amount is entered to your credit on my books.

In answer to your enquiry as to the propriety of suspending the operations of your Mint in September next I have in the first place to say that I do not consider myself empowered to act in the case.

When, after the death, by yellow fever, of two of the officers, and several of the workmen at the New Orleans Mint, in one year, it was deemed necessary that the operations should be suspended, during the sickly seasons, in the following years, the application for this liberty was made to the Secretary of the Treasury, and was consented to by him provided it should also meet the approbation of the Director. If you still think a suspension at your Mint necessary, the same course will have to be taken.

Allow me to remark that the fact of your operations "having been laborious for the last ten months" cannot be pleaded as a reason for their suspension. The labors at this Mint have been

unprecedented. Our Coinage ~~this year~~ already exceeds seven and a half millions: yet we do not claim a holy-day. If a successful application is to be made by you it must be on the ground of apprehended sickness, and of the little amount of business to be done in September.

I have received from Mr Strange a report of the operations of the Charlotte B. M. for July: and also a package of Coins reserved during the same month for the annual assay.

Yrs

Rmd Dy

Dy

W. J. Alexander Sup
Charlotte.

To
W. S. Alexander Esq
Charlotte N.C.

7 Aug. 47

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a / Septem.r 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of August, by which you will perceive that no Coinage has been executed, and that the last six deposites still remain unpayed.

On Saturday Evening last M.r Ferres met with a very serious accident, in having his left cheek cut open from his ear to his mouth by a drunken man about Town, which confining him to his bed, since which time no paying has been done at the Mint, and from all that I can understand none is intended to be done, till Ferres is able to assist: how long that may be, I am unable to say, but should not suppose that it can possibly be under 10 days.

The Superintendent has again returned to his Family in the Mountains, as there was nothing particular requiring his presence; He will be down the latter part of this, or early in the next week.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
W.m F. Strange Ch.k

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. S. Alexander

Chas W. F. Stamps

Charlotte N. C

Rec'd 7 1 Sept. 47

September 1847

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca. during the Month of August 1849

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1/2 Eagles No. of Pieces	1/4 Eagles No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Bars	7.	57	7.	720	143.	63	143.	63				
Do	17.	05	8.	486	157.	88	155.	48				
Do	9.	06	9.	100	169.	30	169.	30				
Do	12.	73	13.	832	257.	34	257.	34				
Amalgam	38.	08	41.	252	767.	48	767.	48				
Bar	13.	09	13.	743	255.	68	255.	68				
Do	5.	72	5.	992	111.	49	111.	49				
Do	32.	91	30.	003	558.	19	558.	19				
Amalgam	14.	64	13.	522	251.	57	251.	57				
Bar	10.	93	10.	930	203.	35	203.	35				
Do	665.	10	612.	850	11.401.	86	11.357.	34				
Do	16.	68	17.	253	320.	99	320.	99				
Do	51.	18	42.	933	798.	75	790.	69				
Do	10.	37	10.	897	202.	73	202.	63				
Amalgam	208.	80	210.	529	3.916.	82.	3.914.	74.				
Do	868.	06	815.	098	15.164.	61	15.163.	49				
Bars	23.	60	13.	504	251.	24.	247.	80				
Do	10.	96	10.	824	201.	38	201.	38				
Do	12.	15	11.	744	218.	50	218.	50				
Do	6.	71	7.	193	133.	82.	133.	82				
Amalgam	37.	02.	38.	861	722.	99	722.	80.				
Bar	226	04			36,209	60						
Do	18.	06			1789	12 "						
Do	26.	27										
Do	58.	30										
Do	41.	75										
Do	14	45										
	2,457.	28.										

No Coinage executed during the Month.

Mint U.S.
Ph. Sept. 8 /47

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr. Strange, dated the 1st inst., transmitting an incomplete report of the operations of the Charlotte Mint for the month of August. It states that there had been no coinage during the month; and that the assaying had been ~~as~~ stopped in consequence of a wound that had been inflicted upon Mr. Terres. ~~by a drunken man~~. I regret that it should have been thought necessary to arrest the assays in consequence of the absence of a man who makes the fires ~~and~~ for the furnace, and gives other aid, such as I presume could be obtained from any other unemployed hand in the Mint; and, as there was no coinage, I ~~must presume~~ suppose that such aid could have been readily commanded. The assistant of ~~our~~ the Assayers at this Mint has been often ~~at~~ absent by leave, or ~~in consequence of~~ from sickness. But the assays were never intermitted; the ~~gentlemen~~ officers being willing, ~~like a Chemist~~ in his laboratory, to do all the work for a time, without ~~the~~ help ~~of an assistant~~. This sacrifice, however, cannot be required; and certainly need not, while there are any men in the Mint unemployed.

I send ~~my~~ inclosed account with you for the quarter ending the 31st ult.

R.M.P. D.

To/ W. J. Alexander Esq. &c.

To/
W. S. Alexander
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte N. C.

Sept. 8/47.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 20th Septem 1847.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 6th Inst, requesting me to forward the estimate for this Mint, for the fiscal year commencing the 1st July 1848; I have to state that I do not think that I can possibly get along with a less sum than was appropriated for this the current year.

I therefore respectfully submit the following estimate for this Branch of the Mint for the fiscal year 1848 & 1849. Viz!

For Salaries of Superintendent, Assayer, Coiner & Clerk	$6.000.00
" Wages of Workmen in the various Departments	3.500.00
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses, including Fuel	
" Materials, Stationery, Repairs, Meltage of Gold	
" and Watching	2.100.00
	$11.600.00

As the Fence around the Mint grounds is in a very tottering condition, I would respectfully submit the propriety of asking for a specific appropriation to rebuild it. Around the front grounds of the Mint it is an open Fence with palings of an inch square, that part of it inclosing the back grounds is a plain close board fence about seven feet high with posts 8 or 10 feet apart; it has now been standing about 10 years, and is nearly rotted down, and will cost more ultimately to keep it up by patching than to rebuild it out and out, even if the expenses of patching it could be shaved from the Contingent Fund. I would therefore respectfully submit that the sum of ($1.000) One Thousand Dollars be re appropriated from the balance saved from the cost of the Machinery. Should there be any difficulty in obtaining a new appropriation for that purpose.

I have

I have sent to your Mint, by way of Charleston, for coinage 1.564.50 Oz of Silver Bullion which I hope will arrive safe: when Coined will you be pleased to return the amount by the same mode of Conveyance, effecting insurance on the same) $500. in ½ Dollars, $500 in ¼ Dollars $500 in Dimes and the balance in ½ Dimes —

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Wm J. Alexander
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte N. C.

Rec'd. 25th 20 Sept. '47

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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Mint U. S. Oct. 2, 1897

Sir,

It has been ascertained that in the account already sent to you of my expenditures for your mint for the quarter commencing June 1, you were erroneously charged with the bill of Mr. Abram Miller for stone ware amounting to $58.11 I now send you a correct account and have to request that you will return to me the voucher for that amount which was forwarded to you. If the error has been overlooked by you, and the voucher sent to Washington, you will please write there, making the necessary explanation, and request that the voucher be returned to me. You will see that it will also be necessary in this case to send an amended account in place of your own and to ask the return of your incorrect account and also of mine.

W. J. Alexander Esq.
Charlotte

R M P Dr

P. S. The deposits of silver advised by you has not yet arrived at the Mint. We have, however, received a bill of lading informing us of its shipment at Charleston by Charles & White.

To,
W. J. Alexander, Esq
Charlotte N.C
2 Oct. '47

October 1847

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 4th October 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of Septr last, as also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay.

The Assayer wishes some muffles for the smallest (French) furnace to be very carefully packed — those sent fit Millers furnace, and several of them are broken, he has enough of them. He would also like to have the new assay weights ordered from France, or at any rate new small weights, 2 of each kind from 10 mills to ½ mills, as those in use are much worn and broken having seen much service as he supposes. He also requests me to inform you that he applied several times to the Coiner for a hand to assist him during the illness of Mr. Ferres, but could not procure one to aid him as the Melting & Refining Rooms were in activity and that he himself had recently had the ague —

The Melter & Refiner requests that 12 Carboys of nitric acid be forwarded at as early a day as convenient.

The Coiner informs me that he will have plenty of tail Dies for the next year and therefore suggests that one or two head dies be added to our allotment instead of the tail Dies

Will you be kind enough to forward as soon as the assay of the Silver Bullion sent to you last month from this Mint, is made, a Memo. of the same, that I may credit the M & Refiner with the exact amount at once.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
M. L. Strange Ch.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

From,

W. J. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte N. C,

Rec'd 11 4 Oct. 47

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of September 1847. –

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dwts	Stan.d Weight Oz.	dwts	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	4.	87	4	733.	88.	05	88.	05
Bar	16.	90	15.	961	296.	95	296.	95
Amalgam	8.	29	8.	040	149.	58	149.	58
Do	7.	94	7.	992	148.	69	148.	69
Bar	6.	94	6.	722	125.	06	125.	06
Amalgam	15.	22	16.	318	303.	59	303.	59
Do	5.	59	5.	705	106.	14	106.	14
Bars,	50.	54	52.	295	972.	94	972.	59
Lumps & Amalgam	78.	12	70.	522	1.312.	04	1.300.	05
Bar	17.	85	19.	455	361.	95	361.	78
Amalgam	5.	09	4.	880	90	79	90	79
Bar	6	93	6	505	121.	02	121.	02
Do	25.	59	22.	803.	424.	24	424.	24.
Amalgam	31.	88	31.	611	588.	11	588.	11
Bar	15.	55	16.	326	303.	74	303.	74.
Do.	55.	10	47.	814	889.	56	880.	80
Do	12.	85	11.	092	206.	36	206.	36
Amalgam	13.	37	13.	704	254.	96	254.	96
Bar	3.	83	4	096	76.	20	76.	20
Amalgam	9.	48	9.	805	182.	42	182.	42
Do.	15.	32	13.	072	243.	20	243.	20
Do	11.	53	12.	258	228.	06	228.	06
Do.	29.	76	29.	904	556.	36	556.	36
Bar	18.	60	9.	920	184.	56.	181.	91
Amalgam	16	10	15.	956	296.	86	296.	86
Do.	453.	92	425.	834	7.922.	50	7.922.	50
Do.	54	05	52.	247	972.	04	972.	04
Bar	13.	94	11.	336	210.	90	210.	90.
Carried forward	1.005.	15.	946.	906.	17.616.	87.	17.592.	95.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of September 1847.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs	dwts	Stand. Weight Ozs	dwts	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1847 Sept.r
Brought forward	1.005.	15.	946.	906	17.616.	87	17.592.	95.	
Bars	42.	17	40.	708	757.	36	757	36	
Grains	15.	69	16.	490	306	80	306	80	
Bars & Amalgam	27.	95	25.	429	473.	10	473.	10	
Bar	6.	29	5.	591.	104.	02	104.	02	
D.o	10.	63.	11.	053.	205.	64	205.	64	
Bar & Grains	23.	78.	23.	998	446.	47	446	47.	
	1.131.	66.	1.070	175	19.910.	26.	19.886.	34.	

	¼ Eagles No of Pieces	½ Eagles No of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Half Eagles		3.351.	16.755.	
Quarter Eagles	4.564.		11.410.	
D.o	5.014.		12.535.	
	9.578	3.351.	40.700.	
	3,351			
	12,929			

The six last assays for the Month of August were as follows

	226.	04	235.	064.	4.373.	31.	4.371.	4
	18.	06.	18.	240.	339.	35	339.	35
	26.	27	26.	969	501.	74	501.	74
	58.	30	50	007	930.	36	921	13
	41.	75	41.	516	772.	39	772.	39
	14.	45.	15.	155.	281.	95	281.	95.
	384.	87.	386.	951.	7.199.	10	7.187.	70.
Making the Total of the Month of August 1847.	2.457.	28	2.333.	217.	43.408.	70.	43.335.	39.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 6th October 1847.

Sir

In your Acct rendered against this Mint for the Quarter ending 31st August last, you charge an item of $109.93 for stone ware purchased of Abraham Miller, (evidently an oversight in your Clerk) instead of $58.11 which is the true Amount, thereby making the balance $58.11 instead of $109.93. but inasmuch as the Stone Ware was purchased for the New Orleans Mint, (the bill of which I inclose) that sum added to $109.93 will make the true balance in favor of this Mint $168.04.

It was on only on making up my Acct for Washington that I discovered the error, otherwise I would have called your attention to it, at an earlier day.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. S. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander, Esq
Charlotte N.C.

Oct. 47

Rec'd 14

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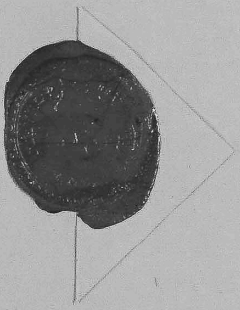
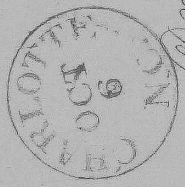
Dr R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia





Mint U.S. Phil. Oct. 14/47

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 4th and 6th inst –

You have seen by my letter of the 2nd that the error mentioned in yours of the 6th had been already detected by us and corrected

Your report for September and the package of Assay Coins for that month have been duly received.

The requisitions made by you are all attended to, except that for assay weights which shall not be lost sight of

I send enclosed a memorandum of the proceeds &c. of the silver sent from your mint. The amount after deducting insurance and freight and postage paid here will be forwarded to you by the next regular packet for Charleston.

R M P Dr

W. J. Alexander, Supt
Charlotte N.C.

P.

W. J. Alexander Esqr
Charlotte N. C

14 Oct. 47

Mint U.S. Phil. Nov. 1/47

Sir,

The deposits of silver of which I sent you a memo. on the 14th ulto., was shipped to the case of Mess. Chambers & White by the C.C. Stratton. We made the following deductions from the proceeds, viz.

Freight & portage from Charleston —	$1.37½
Insurance made here	11.10
Keg	87½
Bags	1.00
Drayage	50
Balance as shipped	1993.20
	$2008.05

We will send you the vouchers when I next settle my account with you.

Your balance now in my hands is reduced to $9.23, and there are bills presented or payable which will leave you in my debt about sixty dollars. You will therefore see the necessity of making a requisition in my favor for such an amount as will enable me to meet outstanding claims, and such other expenses as you think it probable I shall be called upon to make, for you, prior to the next annual assay, when I shall be put in funds

Yours

R. M. P.

Dr.

For

W. J. Alexander Sup.
Charlotte N.C.

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W. S. Alexander Esqr
Charlotte N. C

Nov. 47

November

1847

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 10 Novem.r 1847

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Mint for the Month of October as well as the Coins reserved for the annual assay (4 1/4 Eagles & 8 1/2 Eagles in all $50.)

In your letter of the 1st Inst, I notice you have deducted certain expenses from the Silver sent to your Mint for coinage, ought they not to be charged to the Contingent Fund of this Mint, and the amount replaced so as to keep the Silver entire for the purpose of paying Depositors for the Silver contained in their deposits?

I notice the balance in your hands is reduced to $9.23 and that there are Bills due and payable to the Amount of about Sixty Dollars — a requisition will be made on the Treasury Department about the 15th or 16th Inst, when the Secretary will be requested to forward you a Draft for $100, which I suppose will be sufficient, as I am not aware that any thing more will be required for this Mint before the beginning of the year except "a duplicate Miller Furnace which Dr. Gibbon thinks it advisable to have in his assay room to prevent delay in case of accidental breakage of Muffles &c"

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
M. R. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. L. Alexander, Esq

Charlotte N. C

Rec'd 15 10 Nov 47

Statement of Gold Bullion rec.d at the Br. Mint at Charlotte N.C.a in October 1847.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	5.	82	6.	096	113.	41	113.	41
Amalgam	10.	60	9.	397	174.	82	174.	82
Do.	14.	17	13.	176	245.	14	245.	14
Bars	24.	26	23.	473	436.	71	436.	71
Bars & Amalgam	73.	49	64.	394	1.198.	04	1.198.	04
Bar	8.	09	6.	750	125.	58	125.	58
Amalgam	14.	15	15.	155	281.	95	281.	95
Bar	54.	55	46.	185	859.	26	851.	64
Amalgam	21.	47	19.	990	371.	91	371.	91
Bar	13.	10.	13.	856	257.	79	257.	79
Do.	9.	82	9.	513	177.	00	177.	00
Do.	22.	74	23.	203	431.	69.	431.	53.
Bars & grains	6.	27	6.	422	119.	48	119.	48
Amalgam	15.	32	15.	080	280.	56.	280.	56
Bars	19.	93	18.	276	340.	01.	340.	01
Grains	6	14	6.	432	119.	67.	119.	67
Bars	31.	39	30.	739.	571.	89.	571.	89
Amalgam	35.	20	34.	949	650.	22	650.	22
Do.	5.	87	6.	221	115.	74.	115.	74.
Do.	7	02	5.	810	108.	10	108.	10.
Bar	4.	82	4.	026	74.	90	74.	90
Amalgam	4.	37	4.	417	82.	17	82.	17
Do.	6.	82	6.	947	129.	25	129.	25
Bar	5.	97	5.	152	95.	85	95.	85
Do.	12.	69	13.	435	249.	95	249.	95
Do.	15.	03.	14.	027	260.	97	260.	97
Do.	599.	14	581.	649	10.821.	36	10.797.	00
Do.	5.	58	5.	547	103.	20	103.	20
Amalgam	14.	65	13.	347	248.	32	248.	32
Do.								
Carried forward	1068.	47	1023.	664	19.044.	94	19.012.	80

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of October 1847.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions				No. of Pieces ½ Eagles	No. of Pieces ¼ Eagles	Value Dolls.	cts.
Am.t brought forward	1.068.	47	1023.	664	19.044.	94	19.012.	80.	1847					
Amalgam	727.	80	681.	064	12.670.	95	12.670.	95	October	Quarter Eagles		4.921	12.302.	50
Bar	11.	43	10.	172	189.	25	189.	25		Half Eagles	3.108.		15.540	
Do.	12.	64	11.	164	207.	70	207.	70		Half Eagles	2.423.		12.115.	
Do.	5.	97	5.	258	97.	82	97.	82						
Do.	18.	37	15.	960	296	93.	296.	93.						
Do.	11.	48	11.	694	217.	56	217.	56						
Do.	103.	84	100.	753.	1.874.	49	1.874.	49						
Do.	6.	65	6.	264	116.	54	116.	54						
Amalgam	8.	87	7.	272	135.	30	135.	30.						
Do.	8.	48	8.	573.	159.	50	159.	50						
Bar.	17.	70	19.	292	358.	92	358.	92.						
	2.081.	70	1.901.	132.	35.369.	90	35.337.	76.			5.531.	4.921	39.957.	50.

4.921

10,452

Mint U.S. Phil. Nov. 15/47

Sir,

The report of the operations of your Mint for October was received this morning, together with the coins reserved during that month for the annual Assay. It is very desirable that the reports for the month should be made as soon as possible after its close, as my reports to the department have to await them. I am particularly anxious that there should be no delay in the report for the present month.

Mr Strange observes that in my letter of the 1st inst, I state "that certain expenses had been deducted from the silver sent to this Mint for Coinage" and asks "whether these expenses ought not to be charged to the Contingent fund of your mint and the amount replaced so as to keep the silver entire for the purpose of paying for the silver contained in deposites."

I answer that we took the course adopted with regard to all deposites of the kind. But if you need the silver thus deducted I can see no objection to your taking the course suggested by Mr Strange.

Yrs

R.M.P.

Dr

Pay W.J. Alexander, Esq

Charlotte N.C

P.

W. L. Alexander, Esq.

Charlotte N. C

15 Nov. 47

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 1 Decem.r 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of November with the Coins reserved for the triennial Assay.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Serv.t
M. F. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander, Esqr

Charlotte N-C

Rec'd 6 1 Dec'r 47

December 1847

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of November 1847.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dec	Stand.d Weight Oz.	dec	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1847	¼ Eagles No. of Pces	½ Eagles No. of Pces	Value Dolls	cts
Bars	15.	68	16.	708	310.	85	310.	85					
Amalgams	419.	73	396.	375	7.374.	43	7.374.	43	Novem.r				
Bars	34.	92	34.	988	650.	94	650.	94					
Amalgam + Bechtler Coins	14.	58	13.	409	249.	46	249.	46					
Bars	5.	78	5.	867	109.	15	109.	15					
Bars + Amalgams	148.	02	161.	382	3.002.	46	3.002.	46					
Amalgams	25.	87	27.	306	508.	02	508.	02					
Do.	5.	20	4.	680	87.	07	87.	07					
Do.	44.	00	41.	751	776.	76	776.	76					
Bars	18.	60	16.	367	304.	50	304.	50					
Do.	17.	67	17.	987	334.	65	334.	65					
Do.	212.	12	198.	310	3.689.	48	3.689.	48					
Amalgams	21.	55	22.	291	414.	72	414.	72					
Do.	16.	13	16.	971	315.	74	315.	74					
Do.	4.	94	4.	252	79.	10	79.	10					
Bars	5.	62	5.	151	95.	83	95.	83					
Amalgams	295.	25	278.	039	5.172.	68	5.172.	68					
Do.	19.	50	18.	573	196.	71	193.	90					
Do.	6.	67	5.	950	110.	70	110.	70					
Do.	23.	74	19.	990	371.	91	371.	91					
Bars	21.	45	20.	805	387.	07	387.	07					
Do.	8.	49	8.	064	150.	03	150.	03					
Amalgam + Bars	14.	64	14.	038	261.	17	261.	17					
Amalgams	26.	36	24.	887	463.	02	463.	02					
Bars	8.	64	9.	003	167.	50	167.	50					
Do.	393.	60	402.	849.	7.494.	87	7.490.	93					
Amalgam + Bars	61.	42	59.	339	1.104.	00	1.104.	00					
Bars + Amalgams	26.	31	24.	425	454.	42.	454.	42.					
	1.916.	58	1.861.	757	34.637.	24	34.630.	49.			3.361.	16.805.	

Half Eagles

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 6, 1847.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Operations of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, N. C. for November, and to express my thanks for the promptness with which it has been presented. I have also received the package of coins reserved for the annual assay.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson
Director.

To
W. J. Alexander, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint at
Charlotte, N. C.

I send herewith my account with you, for the ~~two months~~ quarter ending the 30 th ult. In future the accounts will be quarterly, commencing on the 1st inst., for reasons heretofore explained.

Mr. Hare, ~~of~~ assistant in our Assay department, makes all the cupels used at this Mint, and is about to commence the manufacture of a new supply. He wishes to know if you are in want of some for your use, — and how many.

R.M.P.

To/ W. J. Alexander, Esq
Supt Bro Mt,
Charlotte,

To

W. D. Alexander Esq
Charlotte

7 Dec 47

United Branch Mint
Dec 20th 1847
Charlotte NC

Dr Robert M Patterson

Dear Sir

It may be very important for my interest to visit the South West for a few weeks and I respectfully ask you to advise the best course to take to obtain this permission. I do not hope to have united my nomination is acted on by the Senate however. When this will be I cannot tell. I will write by the next mail to some my friends at Washington. I would be glad to hear from you in a short time.

I am Dear Sir with respect your ob

Wm J. Alexander
Superintendent

From,

W. I. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte, N.C.

Recd. 27

20 Dec. '47

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Dr Robt. M. Patterson

Phila Delphia

Pa

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 31 December 1847.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you the Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month just ended, as well as the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 16 ½ Eagles = $80. making the sum total of Coins transmitted from this Mint during the year $610.00.

Dr. Gibbon suggests that the assay weights from 10 Mills to ½ millieme inclusive, should be enclosed and forwarded by mail, as those he has are very much worn

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm. J. Alexander
Superintendent

P.S. We have received no information respecting the Dies of 1848.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. S. Alexander, Esq

Charlotte, N. C.

Rec'd 7 Jan'y 48 31 Dec. 1847

January 1847

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of December 1847.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dwts.	Stand.d Weight Oz.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	24.	37	23.	772	442.	27	442.	03.
Do.	9.	61	9.	813	182.	57	182.	57
Do.	5.	77	5.	204	96.	82	96.	82
Amalgam	53.	15	45.	707	850.	36	841.	94
Do.	15.	30	15.	231	283.	37	283.	22
Bar	9.	97	8.	384	155.	98	155.	98
Do.	7.	64	8.	003	148.	90	148.	90
Amalgam	16.	60	17.	484	325.	28	325.	28
Do.	5.	20	5.	626	104.	67	104.	67
Do.	7.	12	7.	380	137.	30	137.	30
Bar	8.	83	9.	653	179.	59	179.	59
Do.	21.	39	19.	653	365.	64	365.	64
Do.	5.	06	3.	440	64.	00	64.	00
Do.	55.	75	46.	937	873.	25	866.	54
Amalgam	42.	38	41.	977	780.	97	780.	97
Bar	8.	09	8.	610	160.	20	160.	20
Do.	21.	89	20.	112	374.	18	374.	18
Do.	25.	42	24.	227	450.	74.	450.	74
Do.	7.	71	7.	940	147.	72.	147.	72
Amalgam	28.	52	24.	988	464.	89	464.	89
Do.	12.	47	12.	025	223.	72	223.	72
Bar	37.	11	38	072	708.	33	708.	33
Do.	34.	88	34.	452.	640.	96	640.	96
Do.	8.	39	8.	621	160.	39	160.	39
Amalgam	5.	83.	5.	635	104.	84	104.	84
	478.	45	452.	946	8.426.	94	8.411.	42

1847.

Decem.r

	No. of Pieces ½ Eagles	No. of Pieces ¼ Eagles	Value Dolls.	cts.
Half Eagles	3.149.		15.745.	
Do.	3.250.		16.250	
Do.	3.258		16.290	
Do.	2.246.		11.230.	
	11.903.		59.515.	

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1848

Mint U.S. Phila Jan 7/48

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ult., with the report of the operations of your Mint for December, for the early transmission of which I thank you. The package of Assay Coins has also come safely to hand.

I am reminded of your letter regarding an intended absence from the mint. I do not pretend to have the power of giving leave of absence. Similar cases have occurred at the Branch Mints and all, as I believe, on the responsibility of the Superintendents. I have always felt great confidence in the capacity and integrity of Mr. Strange, and I believe that, in your absence he would perform your duties faithfully.

I must apologize for having delayed sending your dies for the present year. We send you, to-day, box No. 1, containing two half eagle head dies, and will forward to you, on successive days, two more half eagle dies, and two pairs of quarter eagle head dies.

R. M. P.

To
Wm. J. Alexander, Esq.
Superintendt of Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.

Mr. Eckfeldt promises to make a set of Assay Weights for Dr. Gibbon; but expresses his surprise that those he now has should be "much worn", as ours have borne 12 years use, without sensible change.

Pol W. J. Alexander, Sup
Charlotte N. C.
7 Jan. '48

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 17, 1848

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Report for March, together with the Box of Assay Coins received.

Of the various articles ordered by you of late, we have sent from here 12 carboys of nitric acid, and one cask of saltpetre; and from Boston the glass matrasses. The stone matrasses are now ready for packing. I am at a loss to know why these were ordered, our own experience showing them to be far inferior to the glass. The pot covers we have ordered of American manufacture not being able to procure the German. Our Melter & Refiner states that if you will anneal them carefully they are equal to the foreign article. I shall be glad to hear your opinion of them after trial. The assay rolls and furnace are under way, and the pure acid will be immediately sent. We had never received any order for these articles tho' in your last letter, although you speak of them as previously asked for.

We have expended all your funds, and I must beg you to make a requisition on the Department, in my favor, for say $300. The rolls will cost $150.

At the next meeting of the Assay Commissioners they will probably

ably test the weight of the coins by a trial of single pieces. Your coiner will see the necessity, therefore, of extraordinary care in reference to them.

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/

W. J. Alexander, Esq, Supt.
Charlotte N. C.

P. S. There is a mistake in the letter as to the assay-rolls. I have not ordered them, and it was not my intention to do so without first getting your approbation as to the price which they will cost. This will be $150, for such as Dr. Gibbon desires.

Pol

W. J. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte N.C.

17 Ap. 48

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 19th January 1848

Sir

Dr Gibbon informs me that the shank of one of the small Rollers in the Assay room was broken this morning and proves always to have been faulty - It is doubtful whether this implement can be properly repaired here. The Assayer wishes a new pair of the improved description to be forwarded for his use. He also desires me to say that he has never received the new assay weights ordered from Paris and paid for by this Mint, and from the extreme tenderness of the smaller weights forwarded to him, he judges they must be old.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
M. F. Strange Clk.

P.S. We have received
4 Boxes of Dies

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander

Charlotte

Rec. 25 — 19 Jan. 48

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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
January 24th 1848.

Sir,

The enclosed letter of Wm. J. Alexander Superintendent of the Mint at Charlotte, with the receipts of Matthew Wallace, as Watchman at that Mint, is submitted to you with the request that you will state, whether the employment of said Watchman was authorized by you, at the rate charged by him viz $50 per month; or, meets your approbation.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

W. Cullen

Comptroller.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

From,

Wm. McCulloch

Washington

Rec'd. 25 24 Jan. 48

Mint U.S. Phil. Jan. 25/48.

Sir,

In your letter of yesterday you call my attention to certain payments made, at the Charlotte Mint, to Matthew Wallace, for "guarding the Mint at night," at the rate of $50 per month; and you ask "whether the employment of said watchman was authorized by me, at the rate charged by him, or meets my approbation."

I cannot better reply to your inquiries than by presenting the subjoined copies of the correspondence between the Superintendent and myself on this subject. From Mr. Caldwell's letter it will appear that there were to be two watchmen employed, at an annual salary of $300 each; a charge which I consider just and reasonable. If the watch was subsequently entrusted to a single person, with a double salary, I was not made acquainted with the change. I think it not improbable, however, that Matthew Wallace may, as principal watchman, have given a receipt which includes the pay to himself and his assistant.

R.M.P.

Do.

To/
J. W. McCulloh, Esq.
Comptroller, &c. &c.

[Copy the whole letters: viz. Mr. Caldwell's of April 22/46; and Dr Patterson's of May 26/46.]

To,

J W McCulloh

Washington

25 Jan'48

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 31 January 1848

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the Operations of this Branch Mint for the present month, as well as the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay. The Coins bear the impress of 1847 as the Dies for the present year were too late in coming to hand to enable us to use them for the first and only Coinage of this month.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
M. A. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. A. Alexander, Esq.

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd. 7 Feb'y. 31 Jan 48

Statement of Gold Bullion rec'd at the Charlotte Br. Mint in January 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross. Oz.	Weight dec	Stan'd Oz.	Weight dec	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	23.	53.	23.	111	429.	97	429.	97
Do	22.	91	19.	414	361.	19	361.	19
Amalgam	36.	48	37.	451	696.	76	696.	76
Do	17.	08	16.	877	313.	99	313.	99
Bar	7.	23	7.	285	135.	53	135.	53
Amalgam	7.	05	6.	282	116.	87	116.	87
Bar	8.	06	7.	145	132.	93	132.	93
Do	9.	55.	9.	380	174.	51	174.	51
Do	24.	10	20.	618	383.	59	383.	59
Do	24.	17	25.	002	465.	15	465.	15
Do	469.	50	479.	576	8.922.	33.	8.917.	85
Do	90.	90	81.	304	1.512.	63	1.497.	18
Do	45.	08	46.	030	856.	37	856.	37
Do	32.	22	30.	606	569.	42	569.	42
Amalgam	7.	65	7.	912	147.	20	147.	20
Bar	5.	02	5.	114	95.	14	95.	14
Amalgam & Bar	10.	39	10.	145	188.	74	188.	74
Amalgam	11.	78	11.	228	208.	89	208.	89
Do	662.	29	618.	006	11.497.	78	11.497.	78
Do	49.	80	43.	048	800.	89	800.	89
Do	24.	93	23.	682	440.	60	440.	60
Bar	13.	73	12.	156	226.	16	226.	16
Do	12.	83.	10.	504	195.	42	195.	42
Do	1.406.	53	1.352.	317	25.159.	40	25.109.	76
Do	7.	39	5.	993	111.	50	111.	50
Amalgam	23.	88	22.	127	411.	67	411.	67
Do	17.	65	18.	434	342.	96	342.	96
Bar	5.	52.	5.	642	104.	97	104.	97
	3.077.	25	2.956.	389	55.002.	56.	54.932.	99

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of January, 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Oz.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1848			No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Amount brought forward	3.077.	25	2.956.	389	55.002.	56	54.932.	99						
Bars & Amalgam	19.	96	20.	925	389.	31	389.	31	January	Half Eagles		3.146	15.730.	
Bar	11.	40	9.	461	176.	02	176.	02						
Amalgam & Bars	54.	46	43.	224	804.	17	800.	66						
Amalgam	22.	48	22.	653	421.	45	421.	45						
Bar	10.	95	9.	695	180.	37	180.	37						
Amalgam & Bars	58.	98	58.	834	1.094.	58.	1.094.	58						
Bechtlers Coins	6.	46	6.	178	114.	94	114.	94						
Amalgam	12.	42	13.	123	244.	15	244.	15						
Bar	6.	83.	6.	715	124.	93	124.	93						
Do.	165.	00	171.	783	3.195.	96	3.194.	31						
	3.446.	19	3.318.	980	61.748.	44	61.673.	71				3.146.	15.730.	

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 9, 1848.

Sir,

Under the 32d section of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837, you are designated as one of the Commissioners, ex officio, to attend the annual assay at the Mint.

I beg leave, therefore, to inform you that the assay will be held on Monday next at nine o'clock.

R M P.

To
Hon John K Kane, Judge D C U S E D of P.
Thomas M Pettit, Esq. Atty U S E D of Pa.
James Page Esq Collector of the port of Philad.

To,

Hon. Judge Kane,
P. M. Pettit
James Page

Ex Officio Comm^r. of Assay
9 Feb. '48

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca 28th February 1848

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the current month, as also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 8 ½ Eagles = $40.

The Metter & Refiner requests that one cask of pot covers, assorted sizes from 8 to 30 – 8 mattrasses of Stone ware and 8 of Glass for the Refinery – 12 Carboys of nitric acid, and one Keg of Salt-petre be forwarded at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. F. Strange, Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Fr. —,

W. J. Alexander Esq
Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd. Mar. 8 28 Feb. 1848

March 1848

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of February 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1848
Amalgam	8.	02.	8.	001	148.	85	148.	85	
Sovereigns Bechtlers Coins	5.	85	5.	771	107.	37	107.	37	February
Bar	5.	53.	4.	546	84.	58	84.	58	
Amalgam	33	65	28.	825	536.	28	536.	28	
Do	32.	22.	31.	464	585.	35	585.	35	
Do	6.	13	6.	340	117.	95	117.	95	
Bar	7.	50	7.	233	134.	57	134.	57	
Do	43.	05	35.	874	667.	42	660.	65	
Amalgam	5.	77	5.	954	110.	77	110.	77	
Do	4.	66	4.	401	81.	88	81.	88	
Bars	20.	85	18.	914	351.	89	351.	89	
Do	12.	92	11.	497	213.	90	213.	90	
Do	38.	94	38.	320	712.	93	712.	93	
Bars + Grains	90.	52	97.	516	1.814.	25	1.814.	25	
Amalgam	150	02	134.	119.	2.495.	23	2.475.	15	
Do	9.	19	9.	924	184.	63	184.	63	
Do	301.	05	283.	790	5.279.	81	5.279.	81	
Bar	7.	26	6.	710	124.	84	124.	84	
Do	13.	81	14.	606	271.	74.	271.	74	
	796	94	753.	805	14.024.	24	13.997.	39	

	No. of pieces ½ Eagles	No. of pieces ¼ Eagles	Values Dolls	cts
Half Eagles	2.675		13.375.	
Do	2.966		14.830.	
	5.641.		28.205.	

Ms. S. Branch Mint

Charlotte March 1st 1848.

Dear sir

I have received my appointment from the president as superintendent of the mint, confirmed by the senate, and have qualified before Judge Caldwell of this state. I will send my official bond to you in a few days and would have done so before now, but for the absence of George F. Davidson, my security on my present bond who is expected back every day.

I am Dear Sir Yours &c

Wm J. Alexander

From,

W. S. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte

Rec'd. 10 March 48

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 10 March 1848

Sir

I have the pleasure of transmitting to you my Official Bond with ample Security as the Certificate of Mr. Strange will show.

Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t

Wm. J. Alexander
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

I take pleasure in stating that the inclosed Bond of Wm. J. Alexander Esq.r as Superintendent of the Mint is amply sufficient, being at least I should think equal to $50.000.

Wm. A. Strange
10 March 1848.

To
The Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander, Esq

Charlotte N. C.

Rec'd. 16th 10 March '48

Mint U.S.

Phila March 16/48.

Sir,

I have received this morning, from Charlotte, the official bond of Wm J. Alexander, Esq., as superintendent of the Branch Mint at that place. The sureties to the bond are Messrs Thomas J. Grier, Miles B. Abernathy, W. F. Davidson, and B. Huffy, and the penal sum is $10,000.

I am called upon, by law, to certify that this bond is to my satisfaction; and being unacquainted with all the sureties, I take the liberty of respectfully asking you to inform me, whether, in your opinion, they are sufficient for the security of the bond.

R. Mint

Hon. Dan'l M. Barringer,
Member of Congress,

To/
Hon. Dan'l M. Barringer,
Member of Congress.
Washington.

March 16/48.

Charlotte

Ho. of. Reprs.
March 20th. 1848.

Sir,

I have this moment recd. yours of the 16th which came to hand in my absence — I am acquainted with Thos. J. Grier — Miles B. Abernathy — W. F. Davidson & B. Shipp — sureties (mentioned in your letter) to the bond of W. J. Alexander Superintendent of Branch Mint at Charlotte. I have no hesitation in saying that in my opinion they are sufficient for the security of the bond in $10.000 —

Very truly,
Yours &c.
S. W. Parrington

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Superintendent.
Mint Phila.

From,

Hon. Wm. Barringer

AR

Washington

Pul. 22 20 mar 48

Charlotte

Mint U. S. Philad.

March 23/48

Sir,

Your bond was received by me in due time but before sending it to the department with a certificate of my satisfaction of its sufficiency, I thought it desirable to obtain other evidence as to your sureties than that presented by Mr. Strange, who is a clerk in your Mint. I accordingly wrote to the Hon. Mr Barringer for the information desired, and I received from him yesterday an answer which was entirely satisfactory. I have therefore sent your bond to the department, with my approval, and I have no doubt that it will be accepted.

Rmp.

Dr

Pof

Wm J. Alexander, Supt.
Charlotte N. C.

To,

W. I. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte N. C

23 Mar '48

Charleston S.C. March 30/49

R. Pettigrew Esqr

Dr. Sir

Your letter of 23d Inst was duly rec'd. And on Examination we find that on the 25th Inst last we forwd by Rail Road to Columbia to be forwd to the Charlotte Mint N.C. Fourteen Carboys Acid, and on Examination we find that we only rec'd One Bill of Lading for 13 Carboys for the Charlotte Mint C, but when the vessel arrived the rec'd Fourteen & forwd them as above and no doubt One was for the Dahlonega Mint, but overlooked by us, We are sorry it so happened, hope however it will not result in any serious inconvenience.

Yours Respectfully
Chambers & White

Fran, Chambry & White
Charleston S.C

Rec. Ap. 3 30 Mar 49

Robert Patterson Esqr
U S Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

CHAR... MAR 31 10 ... S.C.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 31st March 1848

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month ending to day, and the Assay Coins reserved for the Annual Assay. (12½ Eagles = $60. in a tin box)

In the course of a day or so I will draw upon you for $500. a portion of the Coins sent from this Mint for the Annual Assay, the balance I shall replace from the Contingent Fund in my hands. Should the balance which will then remain in your hands $166.18, not be sufficient to meet the payment of the recent orders, for acids, &c. &c., upon advisement a requisition will be made upon the Treasury in your favor for the Amount required.

I am informed that the Assayer has enough of crucibles to last 2 or 3 years, so that we will not require any at this time. — there are however two or three articles ordered some time since for him, to which I would respectfully call your attention, Viz: A Millers Furnace, a set of Assay Rolls, a carboy of pure nitric acid and some assay weights.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
M. E. Arango, Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From,

W. J. Alexander, Sup

(per W. T. Strange Clk

Charlotte N.C.

Recd. Ap. 6/48 31 Mar '48

April 1848

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Statement of Gold Bullion received at the Charlotte Br. Mint during March 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	15.	69	13.	263	246.	76	246.	76
Amalgam	8.	64	8.	975	166.	98	166.	98
Do	18.	45	17.	607	327.	57	327.	57
Bar	16.	97	18.	028	335.	40	335.	40
Do	28.	74	29.	091	541.	23	541.	23
Do	5.	22	5.	346	99.	46	99.	46
Do	39.	68	39.	226	729.	78	729.	78
Amalgam	7.	80	7.	964	148.	17	148.	17
Do	8.	57	7.	807	145.	25	145.	25
Bechtlers Coins & Amalgam	5.	89	5.	665	105.	40	105.	40
Bar	4.	27	4.	373	81.	36	81.	36
Do	16.	48	16.	936	315.	09	315.	09
Do	342.	70	355.	645	6 616.	65	6 613.	22
Do	28.	60	23.	261	432.	76	428.	28
Do	19.	35	19.	371	360.	39	360.	39
Amalgam	18.	33	18.	084	336	45	336	45
Bar	18.	03	17.	708	329.	45	329.	45
Do	31.	37	28.	023	521.	36	521.	36
Do	16.	09	14.	680	273.	11	273.	11
Amalgam	136.	92	127.	362	2. 369.	53	2. 369.	53
Bar	21.	11	20.	897	388.	78	388.	78
Amalgam	6.	92	6.	795	126.	42	126.	42
Bar	9.	58	8.	098	150.	66	150.	66
Do	8.	58	6.	624	123.	24	123.	24
Do	20.	78	18.	730	348.	47	348.	47
Amalgam	5.	93	5.	625	104.	65	104.	65
Bars	35.	89	37.	081	689.	88	689.	88
Amalgam	12.	47	13.	092	243.	57	243.	57
Bars	45.	38	46.	235	860.	19	860.	19
Carried Forward	956.	43	941.	592.	17.518.	01	17.510.	10

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of March 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts	Standard Weight Ozs.	dwts	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions				No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Amount brought forward	956	43	941.	592	17.518.	01	17.510.	10	1848				
Bars	188.	29	193.	666	3.603.	09	3.603.	09	March 31.	Half Eagles	3.054	15.270.	
Do	46.	45	37.	211	692.	30	685.	06		Do Do	2.604	13.020.	
Amalgam	26.	63	28.	020	521.	30	521.	30		Do Do	2.592.	12.960.	
Bars & Amalgam	149.	20	152.	017	2.828	22	2.828.	22					
Bars	10.	81	9.	115	169.	60	169.	60					
Amalgam	10.	27	9.	870	183.	63	183.	63					
Bars	7.	69	6.	501	120.	95	120.	95					
Do	17.	88	18.	753	348.	89	348.	89					
Do	12.	12	11.	768	218.	94	218.	94					
Do	23.	65	19.	760	367.	63	367.	63					
	1.449.	42.	1.428.	273.	26.572.	56.	26.557.	41.			8.250.	41.250.	

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 1 May 1848.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of April just closed, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay - 8 ¼ Eagles and 4 ½ Eagles = $40.00. —

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
M. J. Alexander Supt.
by M. J. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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156
78.00

From,

W. S. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd 8th 1 May 1848

May 1848

Statement of Gold Bullion rec.d at the Charlotte Br. Mint during April 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dec	Stan.d Weight Oz.	dec	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	13.	08	13.	137	244.	41	244.	41
Do.	14.	95	13.	421	249.	69	249.	69
Lumps & Amalgam	120.	20	102.	170	1900.	84	1881.	83
Amalgam	5.	06	5.	323	99.	03	99.	03
Bar	9.	17	9.	393	174.	75	174.	75
Amalgam	7.	80	6.	317	117.	52	117.	52
Do.	8.	07	8.	356	155.	46	155.	46
Bars	70.	20	58.	655	1091.	25	1080.	20
Amalgam	17.	17	18.	161	337.	88	337.	88
Bar	26.	68	22.	587	420.	22	420.	22
Bars & Amalgam	35.	22	29.	483	548.	53	548.	53
Do. & Do.	692.	84	687.	387	12.788.	60	12.782.	90
Bar	9.	60	8.	884	165.	28	165.	28
Do.	9.	81	10.	441	194.	25	194.	25
Do.	379.	77	394.	266	7.335.	18	7.331.	38
Do. & piece	7.	92	8.	296	154.	35	154.	35
Bar	20.	51	19.	688	366.	29	366.	29
Do.	24.	55	25.	970	483.	17	483.	17
Do.	9.	34	9.	597	178.	55	178.	55
Amalgam	39.	93	39.	485	734.	60	734.	60
Do.	10.	58	9.	908	184.	34	184.	34
Bar	12.	60	12.	921	240.	39	240.	39
Amalgam	31.	00	31.	275	581.	86	581.	55
Bar	19.	40	17.	955	334.	05	334.	05
Do.	8.	45	8.	946	166.	44	166.	44
Amalgam	26.	62	25.	436	473.	23	473.	23
Bar	5.	62	5.	413	100.	71	100.	71
Do.	7.	80	7.	097	132.	04	132.	04
Bars, Lumps & Amalgam	46.	85	47.	733.	888.	06	887.	59
carried forward	1690.	79	1657.	701	30.840.	97	30.800.	63

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of April 1848

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1848
Brought forward	1.690.	79	1.657.	701	30.840.	97	30.800.	63	April
Amalgam	57.	48	58.	947	1.096.	69	1.096.	69	
Bar	23.	71	20.	836	387.	65	387.	65	
Do.	4.	80	4.	880	90.	80	90.	80	
Amalgam	63.	07	58.	215	1.083.	07	1.078.	87	
Do.	4.	67	4.	622	85.	99	85.	99	
Do.	8.	88	8.	731	162.	44	162.	44	
Bar	49.	17	46.	546	865.	97	865.	97	
Do.	14.	57	14.	570	271.	07	271.	07	
	1.917.	14	1.875.	048	34.884.	65	34.840.	11	

	No of Pieces ¼ Eagles	No of Pieces ½ Eagles	Values Dolls.	cts.
Quarter Eagles	4.393.		10.982.	50
Do.	4.268.		10.670.	
Half Eagles		2.617.	13.085.	
	8.661.	2.617.	34.737.	50

2,617
11,278

CHARLOTTE, NC. - 1848 (CONT.)

The last report of defacement of dies from ~~your~~ Chd. mint (rec'd Jan 24 '44) states the following as reserved for use in '44 1 tail ½ E; 2 tail ¼ E.

To these add 12 head & 8 tail ½ E; 12 head 8 tail ¼ E. making them responsible for

12	head	½ E	no report since that above mentioned nor any mention of the injury done by the fire
9	tail	"	
12	head	¼ E	
10	tail	do	

Mint U. S. May 10/48

Sir,

I have to acknowledge yours of the 1st inst, with the Report for April & the package of Assay Coins received during the same month.

~~We receive from the other Branch Mints and should have received from~~

There has been no report of the defacement of the dies for the ~~1844~~ of your Mint since that dated Jan. 19, 1844. I must beg you to attend to this matter at once. By our books you are made responsible for 12 head ½ and ¼ Eagle dies; 9 tail ½ E. and 10 tail ~~¼~~ E.

~~Very respy your faithful ser~~

We sent to you a few days since through Chambers & White of Charleston, the stone mattrasses & pure acid ordered by you, and also a box containing 1000 cupels. ~~In consequence of receiving Having received no reply~~ Mr Hare had entered upon the manufacture of them before your ~~reply to my letters~~ letter was received stating that your present supply was sufficient, and I thought it better to send them to you at once as we have no very good place to store them here.

I have not received the ~~no~~ funds for which I made request in mine of the 17th ult.

Very respy

Yr fo S.
RMP

Pay
W. J. Alexander, Supt
Dahlonega Ga

Pof

W. S. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte N. C

10 May 48

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 19th May 1848

Sir

By last mail the 17th Inst, I made a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in your favor for $300, which when rec'd you will please to acknowledge with the No. of the Warrant and Draft.

By your letter of the 10th I perceive that no report of the defacement of the Dies of this Mint has been made since 19 Jany 1844. I am informed by Mr Strange that in May 1847 there were defaced 2 head ½ Eagle, 2 head ¼ Eagle and 1 tail ¼ Eagle Dies of 1846, and at the same time 1 head ¼ Eagle Die of 1847 which had been spoiled in turning — that in January 1848 there were defaced 3 head ½ Eagle and 2 head ¼ Eagle Dies of 1847, and 12 old Dies, unfitted by their shape for our present Press, undoubtedly three of 1844 but unfortunately no memorandum was taken of them. The Coiner has now in his possession all the Dies in the Mint, viz 4 head ½ Eagle, 5 tail ½ Eagle, 4 head ¼ Eagle and 3 tail ¼ Eagle Dies — making 23 of all kinds destroyed since the last report, and 16 of all kinds in possession of the Coiner.

3	4	3	5
9	5	9	5
12	9	12	10
4	5	4	3
8	4	8	7

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I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm. J. Alexander Superintendent

5 Dr. R. M. Patterson
3 Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Fm,

W. S. Alexander Esq

Charlotte N. C

Rec'd 25 19 May 46

Treasury Department
May 23rd 1848

Sir,

A letter under date of the 17th inst. received this morning, from Wm. J. Alexander Esqr. Superintendt of the U.S. Br. Mint at Charlotte N.C. requests, that a sum of $300 may be transmitted to you, on account of the appropriation by Congress, for Wastage of Gold Contingent Expenses &c. at that Branch Mint which request, will explain the object, of a remittance of that amount, to wit $300, which I have, this day directed, by Warrant, to be made to you.

Very Respectfully Sir
I remain Your Obt. Servt.
M C Young
Actg. Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

McClintock Young, Esq.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury,

May 23 / 48.

Rec'd 24th.

Mint U.S. Phil.
30 May 1848

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst.

The draft in my favor for $300, asked by you of the Department has been received & cashed. It was No. 9638 Pay Wt 3666 $300

Your report on the subject of defaced dies has been compared with our records, with the following result.

	Half Eagles head.	Half Eagles tail	Quarter Eagles head.	Quarter Eagles tail
Dies received for '44 (last report)	3	4	3	5
Sent since	9	5	9	5
	12	9	12	10
Dies of 1846 destroyed	2	2		1
	10	7	12	9
" 1847 "	3		1+2	
	7	7	9	9
On hand for use	4	5	4	3
Sixteen dies to be	3	2	5	6

accounted for of which twelve were destroyed in Jan. 1848, leaving 4 of which no explanation is given. Please to make inquiry on the subject.

R M S

Dr

Wm J Alexander, Esq
Supt Br Mt Charlotte N C

To/

Wm J Alexander, Sup

Charlotte N C

30 May '48

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 31st May 1848

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report, of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the present Month of May, and of inclosing the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 4½ Eagles = $20.

Would it be deemed of too little importance, to ask such a modification of your instructions, regarding the transmission of the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay, as to allow me to send them at the end of every Quarter, instead of at the end of every Month? My only reason for asking for such modification, is, that at the end of a Quarter, there would always be enough to require their being put up in a tin box, and consequently not liable to so many casualties on the way, as when only inclosed with the Monthly Report, as they are today.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. F. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

W. F. Strange.
Clerk of Branch Mint.
Charlotte, N. C.
May 31, 1848.

Rec'd. June 6th.

June 1848

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed, at the U. States Branch Mint, at Charlotte N.C., during the Month of May 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dec.	Standard Weight Oz.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	49.	20	48.	981	911.	27.	911.	27
Bars	18.	15	17.	221	320.	40	320.	40
Do	79.	52	79.	221	1.473.	89	1.473.	23.
Do	7.	18	7.	856	146.	16	146.	16
Amalgam	7.	13	6.	756	125.	69	125.	69
Do	68.	80	66.	430	1.235.	91	1.235.	91
Do	19.	58	15.	402	286.	55.	286.	55
Do	4.	92	4.	673	86.	94	86.	94
Bars	18.	15	17.	967	334.	27.	334.	27
Do	26.	02	26.	106	485.	70	485.	70
Bars & Amalgam	102.	57	110.	987	2.064.	89	2.064.	26
Amalgam	34.	70	35.	933	668.	52.	668.	52
Do	750.	48	697.	625	12.979.	07	12.962.	16
Bars	15.	60	15.	742	292.	87	292.	87
Amalgam & Bars	9.	30	9.	113	169.	55.	169.	55
Bars	6.	44	6.	467	120.	32	120.	32
Do	12.	79	12.	647	235.	30	235.	30
Do	33.	57	27.	265	507.	26	502.	02
Do	125.	65	110.	486	2.055.	56	2.041.	00
Do	24.	90	26.	116	485.	88	485.	88
Do	37.	27	32.	174	598.	60	598.	60
Amalgam	5.	00	4.	927	91.	67	91.	67
Do	22.	92	22.	754	404.	72.	404.	72
Do	8.	53	8.	671	161.	32.	161.	32
Do	41.	14	41.	089	764.	45	764.	45
Bars	20.	33	20.	442	380.	32.	380.	32.
	1549.	84	1.472.	051.	27.387.	08	27.349.	08

May

	½ Eagles No. of Pieces	¼ Eagles No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Half Eagles	3.405.		17.025.	
	3.405.		17.025.	

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Co. 14th June 1848

Sir

I notice by your letter of the 30th Ulto, (which was missent to Charleston) that there are 4 Dies charged against this Mint, of which no explanation has been given.

Upon a thorough investigation and inquiry, I am unable to afford any further light upon the subject, than that there must have been 13 supposed old Dies or only 11 really old Dies destroyed in January 1848, as one of the new ¼ Eagle tail Dies was unintentionally destroyed at the same time, still leaving 3 or 4 Dies according to your record unaccounted for.

Mr. Strange feels fully convinced, that all the Dies, that have ever been sent to this Mint, have been destroyed, or are now in possession of the Coiner; the only doubt he has, is in his utter ignorance, (having no recollection one way or the other) of what became of the Dies in the possession of Mr. Bolton at the burning of the Mint, but is strongly of the opinion, that they must have been returned by Mr. Bolton as several of those destroyed in January last, bore the marks of having been worked with.

The Melter & Refiner begs me to call your attention to "the Cask of Pot Covers, assorted sizes from 8s. to 30s", ordered 28th February last, as he is very nearly out of all kinds —

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. J. Alexander
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U. S. Phil. 13 June 48

Sir,

I duly received with Mr Strange's letter of the 31st ulto. your report for the month of May, and the parcel of coins received during that month for the annual assay.

Mr. Strange suggests that these coins should be sent quarterly instead of monthly, but I prefer the present arrangement, as it is the practice of the other branch mints, and because I think it more prudent to send small parcels than large.

From the Dahlonega Mint they have for many years, sent the annual assay coins in a way which is very neat & compact. They cut, through pasteboard circular holes of the diameter of the coins to be sent, - these holes being pierced by punches such as are used for cutting wads. Into these holes the coins are pressed; and they are kept in place by covering the pasteboard on both sides by paper either sewed down or fastened by touches of paste.

Yrs Bmp.

Dr

To Wm J. Alexander, Esq Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

To/ Wm. S. Alexander Supp
Charlotte N.C.

13 June '48

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 30th June 1848.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for this Month now ended, and the assay Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 12 ½ Eagles = $60.00

I regret my inability to account for the Dies = in your letter of the 30th Ulto you state "Dies reserved for 1844 (last report)" "3 head 4 tail ½ Eagle, 3 head, 5 tail ¼ Eagle Dies" making in all 15 Dies. Mr. Stranges recollection is, that Six tin boxes were received containing the Dies of 1844 (3 heads & 3 tails ½ Eagle & 3 heads and 3 tail ¼ Eagle in all 12 Dies) if such be the case, then all the Dies are accounted for unless there had been reserved 3 of the tail dies of the preceding year, which he thinks was never done at this Mint, until last year, at the suggestion of Mr Graham —

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm. J. Alexander
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander, Esq

Charlottenb.

Rec'd July 6. 30 June 48

July 1848

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of June 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Oz.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	5.	60.	5.	942	110.	55	110.	55
Do.	52.	90	45.	728	850.	75	842.	35
Amalgam	25.	28	21.	262	395.	57	395.	57
Bar & Amalgam	12.	03	11.	824	219.	98	219.	98
Amalgam	62.	85	65.	083.	1.210.	85	1.210.	85
Bar	11.	56	9.	207	171.	30	171.	30
Amalgam	8.	15	8.	620	160.	37	160.	37
Do.	5.	45	5.	551	103.	27	103.	27
Do.	22.	10	19.	226	357.	70	357.	70
Bars	142.	90	120.	671	2.245.	04	2.222.	56
Do.	9.	65	10.	002	186.	08	186.	08
Amalgam	6.	24	5.	857	108.	97	108.	97
Amalgam & Beckitts Coins	35.	54	36.	022	670.	17	670.	17
Bar	6.	26	5.	938	110.	47	110.	47
Amalgam	9.	23.	8.	602.	160.	04	160.	04
Bars	17.	14	15.	683	291.	78	291.	78
Do.	424.	95	442.	418	8.231.	03	8.226.	78
Do.	129.	75	133.	497	2.483.	67	2.482.	37
Do.	19.	20	19.	757	367.	57	367.	57
Do.	54.	65	55.	741	1.037.	04	1.037.	04
Bar & Amalgam	9.	83	9.	994	185.	94	185.	94
Bar	29.	98	29.	578	550.	30	550.	30
Do.	67.	68	71.	481	1.329.	88	1.329.	20.
Do.	7.	85	8.	233	153.	17	153.	17
Do.	64	53	63.	416	1.179.	83	1.179.	83
Amalgam	9.	70	10.	271	191.	09	191.	09
Bar	11.	63	9.	135	169.	95	169.	95
Amalgam	25.	42	25.	138	467.	69	467.	69
Carried forward	1288.	05.	1273.	877	23.700.	05.	23.662.	94.

Statement of Gold Bullion received, and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of June 1848.

Description of Bullions	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Brought forward	1.288.	05	1.273.	877	23.700.	05	23.662.	94.
Bar	4.	73	3.	898	72.	52	72.	52
Do.	63.	31	56	096	1.043.	64.	1.043.	64
Amalgam	12.	70	12.	205	227.	07	227.	07
Do.	6.	62	6.	781	126.	16.	126.	16.
Do.	9.	64	10.	110.	188.	10	188.	10
Bars	40	15	42.	431	789.	41	789.	41
Amalgams	51.	90	53.	686	998.	81	998.	30
Do.	5.	98	6	178	114.	94	114.	94.
	1.483.	08.	1.465.	262.	27.260.	70	27.223.	08

		½ Eagles No. of Pieces	¼ Eagles No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	ct.
June	Half Eagles	2.860.		14.300.	
	Do.	2.602.		13.010.	
	Do.	3.226.		16.130.	
		8.688.		43.440.	

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, July 20, 1848.

Sir,

3. The Assayers Rolls were sent to you, about ten days ago, by the usual course. They are well planned and made, and, I am sure, will prove satisfactory.

1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31th of June, with the report of your operations for that month, and a package of the ~~assays~~ coins reserved for the annual assay

2. Mr. Strange's recollection that six tin boxes were received at your Mint with the dies of 1844, you seem to think inconsistent with the statement, in my letter of the 30th of May, of "Dies resend for 1844, 3 had 4 tail, ½ E.; and 3 had 5 tail ¼ E. dies." Mr. Strange is in fact correct, but I included, in my statement, 1 tail ½ E. and 2 tail ¼ E. dies, which by a letter of Mr. Caldwell, dated 19 Jan. 1844, I was informed had been resend for your use in that year.

R. M. Patterson.
D—

Wm. J. Alexander, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint, Charlotte.

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W. J. Alexander Sup
Dahlonega Ga

20 July 1848

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 31st July 1848

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month just ended, and also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay — 4 1/2 Eagles = $20 —

You will perceive that the 4 last deposits remain unassayed. The Coiner and Assayer at this time are both quite sick: about a week ago we thought we should have lost Mr. Graham, who was most violently attacked with a chill, which had like to have carried him off: he is now convalescing and will probably be at his post some time during this week. On Thursday last Dr. Gibbon was also attacked with chills, which have left him and settled down to fever, and it is hoped that by the end of the week he may be so far recovered as to be able to complete the assays of this Month, which when done I will forward to you to enable you to complete your Report to the Department.

We have had a good deal of sickness and an unprecedented number of deaths in this Town at so early a part of the season, and it is believed by the Physicians here, that we will have quite a sickly Fall; in consequence of which, and at the request of the Officers, I have by this days mail made application to the Secretary of the Treasury for permission, with your approbation, to suspend the operations of this Branch, at such time, as I may deem best suited, to the necessities of the Officers & Workmen, and the public convenience —

I am very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
Wm L. Alexander
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director &c.

From,

W. J. Alexander Sup

Charlotte N.C.

Recd, Aug. 7 31 July 48

Augt

1848

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the Charlotte Br. Mint, July 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	6.	77	6.	468	120.	34	120.	34
Bars	20.	00	17.	266	321	23	321.	23
Do.	20.	31	16.	405	305.	21	305.	21
Do.	5.	86	6.	177	114.	92	114.	92
Bars & Amalgam	54.	62	54.	427	1.012.	59	1.012.	59
Bars	5.	02	4.	752	88.	41	88.	41
Amalgam	6.	27	5.	912	109.	99	109.	99
Bars	5.	62	5.	032	93.	62	93.	62
Amalgam	11.	98	12.	204	227.	05	227.	05
Bars	10.	45	10.	043.	186.	85	186.	85
Do.	9.	85	9.	717	180.	78	180.	78
Amalgam & Beckitts Coin	32.	35	29.	010	539.	72	539.	72
Bars	9.	31	9.	567	177.	99	177.	99
Amalgam	6.	57	6.	277	116.	78	116.	78
Bars	17.	30	17.	097	318.	09	318.	09
Do.	12.	49	11.	197	208.	32.	208.	32
Do.	37.	98	40.	155	747.	07	747.	07
Do.	101.	70	90.	625	1.686.	05	1.669.	84
Amalgam	34.	43	33.	913.	630.	95	630.	95
Bars	64.	55	61.	106	1.136.	86	1.136.	86
Do.	17.	00	14.	223.	264.	61	264.	61
Do.	12.	22	12.	260	228.	10	228.	10
Do.	7.	53	7.	503.	139.	60	139.	60
Amalgam	58.	25	56	695	1.054.	80	1.054.	80
Amalgam & Beckitts Coin	11.	99	11.	962	222.	55	222.	55
Amalgam	14.	25	14.	692	273.	34	273.	34
Do.	7.	12	7.	316	136.	11.	136.	11
Do.	9.	53	10	026	186.	53	186.	53
Amalgam & Bars	37.	70.	36.	443	678.	21	678.	21
Carried forward	649.	02.						

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the United States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of July 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amount brought forward	649.	02						
Bar	6.	21	6	367	118	45	118.	45
D°	261.	22	268	418	4,993	82	4,991	26
	916.	45	893	255	16,618	74	16,599	97

		No of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
July	Half Eagles	2. 639.	13.195.	
		2. 639.	13.195.	

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 8th August 1848.

Sir

The Assayer was able to come to the Mint on yesterday and although still quite weak, he made out to finish the assay of the 4 deposites which were left from last month, and are as follows

9.53.	10.026.	186.53.	186.53.
37.70.	36.443.	678.01	678.01.
6.21.	6.367.	118.45.	118.45
261.22.	268.418.	4993.82.	4991.26.
314.66.	321.254.	5.976.81.	5.974.25.

making the total Amt. rec.d for July Oz 916.45. 893.255. $16.618.74 $16.599.97.

I will thank you to have prepared and forwarded at your earliest convenience, a "Register of Gold Bullion". Be pleased to see that it is made out of good paper for the last "Bullion Ledger" that was sent, is so very bad as almost to be unfit for use;- the paper is so spongy, that is with difficulty I can make entries without having the appearance of having been erased.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. L. Strange
Clerk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander, Esq
Charlotte

Rec'd. 15 Aug. 48

Mint U. S. Phil. Aug. 10/48

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst, in which you give authority to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte to suspend the operations of that Mint "during the month of September next" if I approve of it. This limit of time is evidently taken from his letter to you, but it there applied to the past year not to the present. Both the operative Officers of the Charlotte Mint are already sick, and the authority asked for is evidently intended to commence at the time of its receipt I have therefore ventured to make my approval set from that time "unless you shall express your objection to this course".

R M P

Do

To/
Hon R J Walker
Sec of Treasy

To

Sec. of Treasury.

Aug. 10/48.

Mint U. S. Phil. Aug. 10/48

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ult., with a report of your operations during that month and a package of the Assay bars received.

I greatly regret the illness of your officers and the sickness of people in your town. I have received this morning from the Secretary of the Treasury his authority for you to suspend the operations of the Mint under your charge "during the month of September next", if I approve it. This limit has its origin evidently in a misunderstanding of your letter to the Secretary, in applying the words "suspend the operations of the Mint here during the month of September" to the present year, while you referred to the last. I will explain this error to the Secretary & inform him that I have given my approval of a suspension from the time of your receiving this letter, unless he shall object to this course.

Pray inform me whether the assayers rolls have been received and meet his approbation

RMP

P/

W. J. Alexander Esq Sup
Charlotte N.C.

To

W. J. Alexander, Esq

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N. C.

Aug. 10/48.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 26th August '48

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the present Month, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 4½ Eagles = $20.00.

I shall close the Mint on Monday next the 28th inst till Monday the 2d October in order to afford the Officers & Men an opportunity of taking their Families up to the Mountains, and not to endanger their health by returning too soon in the Fall, as it is considered more dangerous to return before a frost or so, than to remain all the time. Be pleased to accept the thanks of the Officers and Men for your Kindness and promptness in approving of my application for the suspension of operations.

The Assayer's Rolls have not yet come to hand.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm. J. Alexander Supt.
by W. F. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Wm. J. Alexander Sup

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd. Sept. 2 26 Aug. '48

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of August 1848

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dwts	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	857.	69	793.	025	14753.	97	14739.	16
Amalgam & Bars	43.	79	44.	068	819.	87	819.	87
Bar	7.	50	6	824	126	96	126	96
D.o	17.	37	15.	205	282.	89	282	89
Amalgam	3.	72	3.	574	66.	50	66.	50
Bar	4.	39	3.	958	73.	64	73.	64
Amalgam	9.	73	9.	730	181.	02	181.	02
D.o	6.	83	6	852	127.	50	127.	50
Bar	17.	91	14.	924	277.	65	277.	65
Amalgam	14.	81	15.	483	288.	05	288.	05
Bars & Amalgam	1422.	26	1362.	196	25343.	20	25293.	43
Amalgam & Bars	54.	09	38.	206	710.	81	705.	85
	2460.	09	2314.	045.	43052.	06	42982.	52

1848

August 31

Half Eagles

No of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
3570.	17850.	
3570.	17850.	

To/

Wm J Alexander Supp

Charlotte

2 Sept. '48

September 1848

Mint U.S. Phila. Sept. 2, 1848

To—
Wm J Alexander, Supt.
Branch Mint
Charlotte, N C.

Sir — I have duly received your letter of the 26th ultimo with the report of the operations of your Mint for August. I am surprised to learn that the Assayers rolls have not yet been received by you. They were sent to Charleston by the brig, sent care of Captain Myers on the 10th of July last, to Chambers and White.

Please too, inform me what dies you will need for the new year 1849.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

Charleston 7th Sept. 1848

Mr R W. Patterson

Dear Sir.

You will please inform us by return of mail if the Cask for the U S B. mint Charlotte N C shipped on board the Schr. I Castner was insured also forward to us the value of said Cask, as the Schr. took fire, and many of the goods were damaged by Water in subduing the Fire. we cannot get the Cask untill we sign the average bond, and it will be necessary for us to have the Invoice &c, so we can make our claim against the underwriters, if the goods in the Cask are damaged.

Yrs Respectfully
Chambers & White
J. L. R. Simonton

From,

Chambers & White

Charleston

Rec'd 13 7 Sept 48

Received, 26 Sept. 1848, of the Director of the Mint Six tin boxes, containing three pairs of half eagle and three pairs of quarter Eagle dies for the service of the Charlotte Branch Mint, in 1849, and which I undertake to deliver to the Superintendent thereof.

John W. Rigler

P.J.

Chambers & White
Charleston S.C.

13 Sept '48

Mint, U.S. Sept 13, 1848

To-
Chambers & White
Charleston, S.C.

Gentlemen —

In answer to your letter of the 7th inst., I have to state that the articles shipped by us on board the schooner John Eastner, for the U.S. Branch Mint at Charlotte, were not insured and contained the articles named in the following copy of the bill presented by the person from whom they were bought. (Bill copy)

Mint of the United States

Philad^a. Sept. 26, 1848

Sir,

Mr. Rigler being on the point of setting out on his return to Charlotte, we have given to his charge six tin boxes containing three pairs of half eagle and three pairs of quarter eagle dies for your Mint. I will thank you to acknowledge their receipt when delivered.

Yrs

R M P.

Dr

To/

Wm J. Alexander, Esq

Dep. B. M.

Charlotte N.C.

No 1

W. J. Alexander, Esq

Charlotte N.C.

26 Sept 48

My Dear Sir.

The bearer Mr J. Hollifield is the son of the late John R. Holton, who was engaged many years in our Mint, and for many years was Chief Coiner in the branch Mint in North Carolina, & remained in that office to the day of his death — Mr Hollifield is a most estimable man & asks me for a letter to you recommending him for a situation in the Mint. I shall be very much obliged, if you can employ Mr Hollifield, as his mother in law & family are in a measure dependent upon him, until she can procure a settlement with Mr Eckfeldt, which she has been endeavouring to procure for a long time, but has thus far failed to get him to file an account he refusing to do so, save on order of the Orphans court & has removed the proceedings which

called upon him for an account as Executor & Trustee — Mrs Bolton is in very needy circumstances — the Employment of her son in law, would really be a great kindness to her

I am Dear Yours Very Truly Yours

Robert M Lee

Dr Robert M Patterson

Finney

Robt. M. Lee, Esq.
Sept. 26, 1848.

Recommending Mr. D. Hollifield for a place in the Mint.

A

Dr. Robt. M. Patterson
Dir. U.S. Mint

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 14th October 1848

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th Inst, requesting to be furnished with the Estimates for this Branch of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1849=50, I respectfully submit the following;

For Salaries of Superintendent, Assayer, Coiner & Clerk	$6.000.
" Wages of Workmen in the various Departments	3.500.
" Contingent & Incidental Expenses, including fuel, materials, Stationery, repairs, Wastage of Gold, and Melting	2.100.
	$11.600.

Eleven Thousand, and Six Hundred Dollars.

I have rec'd by Mr. Riglar 6 tin boxes, containing 3 pairs ½ Eagle, & 3 pairs ¼ Eagle Dies —

The Melter & Refiner requests to have forwarded, at your earliest convenience, 75 lbs of Copper for alloy, 1 Copper pan for waxing Strips, 2 Copper pans for washing "Sweeps", (Mr. E. Eckfeldt knows the Kind) 8 Basins for parting, (such as selected by Mr. Riglar) and 12 black lead pots Nos 10, if as low a number as 10 can be got, if not 1 Dozen of the next lowest number, intended to be used in Roughening, as the Sand crucibles of the largest size, are often too small.

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm. J. Alexander
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 2 Novem.r 1848

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of October, and the Coins reserved for the Annual assay = 8 ½ Eagles = $ 170. 00

The Melter & Refiner requests to have forwarded for him, 12 Carboys nitric acid 1 Carboy sulphuric acid, 50 black lead pots, to wit 10 of size No 25. 30 of size No 30, and 10 of size No 35 and 800 lbs of Zinc.

A requisition will be made upon the Secy of the Treasury in your favor for $ 300 as soon as Mr. Alexander returns from Court, which will be on tomorrow or Saturday.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. H. Strange Melr.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From,

W. A. Alexander Esqr

Charlotte

Rec'd 9 2 Nov. 48

December 1848

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of October 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	Gross Weight decs.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	Stand. Weight decs.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bars	42.	62	44.	318	824.	53	824.	53
Do	4.	99	4.	805	89.	40	89.	40
Amalgam & Bars	396.	60	370.	901	6.900.	47	6.886.	74
Amalgam	27.	76	27.	156	505.	23	505.	23
Bar	8.	60	8.	600	160.	00	160.	00
Do	115.	00	104.	681	1.947.	55	1.943.	06
Amalgams	11.	20	11.	585	215.	53	215.	53
Bar	6.	78	7.	193	133.	82	133.	82
Do	9.	78	9.	463	176.	06	176.	06
Amalgam	4.	97	4.	985	92.	74	92.	74
Bars	27.	97	27.	983	520.	62	520.	62
Amalgam	62.	30	63.	476	1.180.	95	1.180.	33
Bars	62.	10	63.	341	1.178.	44	1.177.	82
Amalgam	7.	23	7.	390	137.	49	137.	49
Do	14.	40	13.	935	259.	25	259.	25
Bar	8.	19	8.	433	156	90	156	90
Bars & Amalgams	30	56	27.	191	505.	88	505.	88
Bars.	127.	08	137.	958	2.566.	67	2.565.	46
Do	165.	00	172.	883	3.216.	43	3.214.	78
Amalgam	18.	57	18.	258	339.	68	339.	68
Amalgam & Bars	29.	34	25.	629	476.	82	476.	82
Amalgams	8.	82	9.	318	173.	36	173.	36
Bars & Grains	14.	50	14.	580	271.	26	271.	26
Amalgam	43.	13	41.	502	772.	13	772.	13
Do.	4.	72	4.	850	90.	23	90.	23
Do	13.	82	13.	665	254.	23	254.	23
Do	32.	68	33.	804	628.	91	628.	91
Bar	12.	50	11.	000	204.	65	204.	65
Carried forward	1.311.	21	1.288.	883.	23.979.	23	23.956.	91.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of October 1848

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dees	Stan.d Weight Oz.	dees	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1848
Brought forward	1.311.	21	1.288.	883.	23.979.	23.	23.956.	91.	October.
Amalgam	5.	03	4.	973	92.	52	92.	52	
Do.	6.	70	6.	871	127.	83	127.	83	
Bar	12.	77	11.	562.	215.	10	215.	10	
Amalgam	15.	45	13.	784	256.	45	256.	45	
Bar	20.	47	9.	710	180.	65	177.	77	
Bars & Amalgam	40.	14	39.	708	738.	76	738.	76	
	1411.	77.	1.375.	491.	25.590.	54	25.565.	34	

		½ Eagles No. of Pieces	Value Dolls	cts
Half Eagles	No. 16.	3.517.	17.585.	
Do.	No. 17.	3.028.	15.140.	
		6.545.	32.725.	

Mint U.S. Nov. 15, 1848.

Sir,

Your letter of the 2d inst., with your report for October, and the assay-coins reserved in that month, has been received. The requisitions made in this letter will be attended to.

I find that I failed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ult., ~~acknowledging giving~~ I presented your estimates for 1849–50, which I adopted in my report to the Department. It also makes application for several articles, of which ~~are~~ some are already on their way, and the others will be sent without delay.

R.M.P.

Dear

To
W. J. Alexander, Esq.
Sup. B. Mint,
Charlotte N.C.

To

W. D. Alexander Esqr

Charlotte N.C.

15th Nov. 1848

Treasury Department
Novemb 25th 1848

Sir,

A letter, under date of the 14th inst. received at this Department from Wm. J. Alexander Esqr. Superintendt. of the U.S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. requests, that a sum of $300 may be remitted to you on account of the Contingent expenditures of that Branch Mint; which request, will explain the object of a remittance of that amount, to wit $300, which I have this day directed to be made to you.

Very Respectfully Sir,
I remain Your Obt. Servt.
R J Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Sec'y of Treasury

Washington

Rec'd. 27

25 Nov. 1848

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. C. 2d Decem.r 1848

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding to you a report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of November, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay - 17½ Eagles = $60.00.

I regret that the receipt of the Assayer's Rolls, has not before this time been acknowledged. Your letter of 2d. September enquiring about them, had been by mistake of the Post Master sent to Brackett Town, where Mr. Alexander's Family were spending the Summer, and not presented to me till within a day or two. - The Rolls were received in the Month of August, and the Assayer seemed to be much pleased with them. He has not yet however commenced using them.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
M. E. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. L. Alexander Esq

Charlotte

Rec'd 8th 2 Dec. 1848

December 1848

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint, at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of November 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bars	119.	95	107.	554	2.001.	00	1.981.	78
Amalgam	7.	45	7.	688	143.	03	143.	03
Bars	16.	65	14.	910	277.	40	277.	40
Amalgam	461.	09	424.	069	7.889.	67	7.889.	67
Do.	15.	80	14.	938	277.	92	277.	92
Do.	796.	51	746.	740	13.892.	84	13.876.	48
Bars	7.	19	6.	516	121.	23	121.	23
Amalgam	23	13	21.	124	393.	01	393.	01
Do.	8.	88	9.	283	172.	71	172.	71
Bars	7.	65	7.	334	136.	45	136.	45
Amalgam	6.	05	6.	143	114.	30	114.	30
Do.	90.	40	87.	888	1.635.	12	1.635.	12
Do.	11.	98	6.	082	113.	15	111.	33
Bars.	1.260.	24	1.242.	468	23.115.	64	23.104.	48
Do.	9.	04	9.	140	170.	05	170.	05
Amalgam	5.	03	5.	381	100.	11	100.	11
Bars	55.	35	55.	902	1.040.	04	1.039.	49
Do.	59.	40	52.	667	979.	85	979.	85
Do.	56.	30	51.	733	962.	47	962.	47
Do.	27.	85	28.	158	523.	87	523.	87
Bechtlers Coins	5.	57	5.	314	98.	87	98.	87
Amalgam	7.	96	8.	162	151.	85	151.	85
Do.	39.	74	39.	749	739.	51	739.	11
Bars.	30.	98	26.	339	490.	03	490.	03
Amalgam	9.	50	10.	048	186.	94	186.	94
Do.	91.	80	94.	860	1.764.	84	1.764.	84
Do.	26	37	26.	486	492.	77	492.	77
Carried forw.d	3.257.	86	3.116.	676	57.984.	67	57.935.	16.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca during the Month of November 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	decs	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	decs	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Brought forward	3.257.	86	3.116.	676	57.984.	67	57.935.	16
Amalgam	7.	82	7.	366	137.	04	137.	04
Bar	11.	57	10.	861	202.	07	202.	07
Bar & Grains	13.	25	14.	014	260.	72	260.	72
Amalgam & Bar	15.	38	16.	190	301.	20	301.	20
Bars	428.	65	446.	278	8.302.	84	8.298	55
Do	49.	05	48.	462	901.	62	901.	62
	3.783.	58	3.659.	847	68.090.	16	68.036.	36

1848

November

		½ Eagles No. of pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Half Eagles	No 18	3.355.	16.775.	
Do	19.	2.822.	14.110.	
Do	20.	3.604.	18.020.	
		9.781.	48.905.	

US Mint Phila
Dec 6, 1848

To—

Dr. J. W. Harmon
New York

Dear Sir—

We have been able to procure here all the pots required for Charlotte in addition to those which you have already shipped. We shall therefore not trouble you any further in the matter and you can draw on me for the amount due you. Desd you want a bill of lading of the pots forwarded by you and to whom? We generally preserve duplicates of these here and would be obliged if you would forward one with yours shipment.

Very truly yrs.
R M Patterson
Director

Fol

Dr. J. W. Farnum

1848 Newyork

CHARLOTTE, NC. - 1849

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 3d July 1849

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of June last, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay - 8 ½ Eagles = $ 84.

The Coiner has made a trial of his machinery upon the Dollar pieces and has requested me to forward two pieces for your inspection, which you will find inclosed

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm J. Alexander Supt.
by W. F. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander

Charlotte N. C.

Rec'd. 9th 3 July 1849

July 1849

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, July 7, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and I am much gratified by your acceding to the suggestion which I had made respecting an increase in the Government deposite in the Mint. I hope, by its aid, to be restored, in a short time, to the power of making prompt returns to our depositors.

I have considered the application made by the officers and workmen of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, and as I believe that their request is reasonable, and as a similar request has been heretofore granted, without any serious inconvenience, I join in commending it to your favorable action.

R. M. P.

Hon. W. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. of Treasury
Washington

7 July 1849

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permissive.

"(c) The Administra[illegible]
Committee on Rules and Ad[illegible]
mittee on House Administration or [illegible]
respect to the disposal of any particu[illegible]
whenever he considers that—

"(1) those particular records may be of specia[illegible]
Congress; or

"(2) consultation with the Congress regarding the d[illegible]
those particular records is in the public interest.

However, this subsection does not require the Administrator to request such advice and counsel as a regular procedure in the general disposal of records under this chapter.

"(d) The Administrator may promulgate schedules authorizing the disposal, after the lapse of specified periods of time, of records of a specified form or character common to several or all agencies if such records will not, at the end of the periods specified, have sufficient administrative, legal, research, or other value to warrant their further preservation by the United States Government.

"(e) The Administrator may approve and effect the disposal of records that are in his legal custody, provided that records that had been in the custody of another existing agency may not be disposed of without the written consent of the head of the agency.

"(f) The Administrator shall make an annual report to the Congress concerning the disposal of records under this chapter, including general descriptions of the types of records disposed of and such other information as he considers appropriate to keep the Congress fully informed regarding the disposal of records under this chapter.". Report to Congress.

Mint U. S. Phil. July 9, 1849

Sir,

I have rec^d. this morning your letter of the 3^d. inst, with the report of the operations of the Charlotte Mint for the month of June, and a package of coins received, during that month, for the annual assay.

I thank you for sending the gold-dollar pieces. They are the first coined at the Branch Mints. We have examined them with care, and do not find them faultless.

The milling is too thick, in consequence of the groove in the milling machine being too wide. It can be corrected by going a little deeper with a narrower tool

The reverse is blurred in the polishing of the die. To prevent this the reverse die must be left in its rough state, ~~until it~~ until it is hardened, and it must then be polished on a plate of 8 inches radius.

The head die is to be polished on the same radius.

As your reverse dies may be both injured in the polishing, we will send you new ones as early as possible

I send you two of our gold dollars in return for those received from you.

R. M. P.

Dr

Wm. I. Alexander Esq
Sup. B. M. Charlotte N. C.

To,

W. J. Alexander Esqr

Charlotte N. C.

9 July 1849

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 4th August 1849

Sir

Having been appointed Superintendent of this Branch Mint, I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the operations for the Months of July, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8¼ Eagles & 4 Gold Dollars = $174.00. —

It will afford me pleasure at all times to communicate with you fully and freely upon all subjects connected with the interest and welfare of this Mint, and respectfully to receive and consider any intimations or suggestions you may be pleased to make in relation thereto.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

James W Osborne Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Thos

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq

Charlotte N. C.

Rec'd. 11 4 Aug. 1849

August 1849

Mint U.S. Phil. Aug. 21/49

Sir,

I herewith Return the official bond of James W. Osborne Esq as Sup. of the B. M. at Charlotte N.C. and I have attached to it a certificate that it is to my satisfaction

R. M. P.

To/ Elisha Whittlesey Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury

Note

The Sureties of J.W. Osborne were David Parks, John A. Young & Brady Cates - for $10000. The oath of Office was taken before R.M. Pearson one of the Judges of the Superior Court of the State of N.C. who also makes the following statement on the bond

"~~Burgan~~ North Carolina,

I am personally acquainted with the Sureties of James W. Osborne, in the annexed bond, and believe them to be amply good for the penalty of the bond (signed) R. M. Pearson

Morgantown
August 10/1849

To/

E. Whittlesey

Washington

21 Aug. 49

Mint. U. S. Phil Aug. 24/49

Sir,

I have to ack. the rec. of y's letters of 4th. & 16 inst. By the former I was surprised, because it came before the receipt of your official bond which, as I understand the 3d Sect. of the Act to establish Branches of the Mint must be given before entering upon the duties of office. I received this document, however, from the Dept on the 21st inst, and returned it with my approbn. I know therefore that you are now a fellow Officer in full standing, and as such I bid you welcome.

Your reports for the months of July and of August to the 16th inst are received, together with the coins reserved, in those periods, for the annual assay

James W. Osborne Esq
Sup. B. M.
Charlotte N. C.

R M P.

By L. N. Osborne, Sup

Charlotte N. C.

24 Aug. 1849

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 27th. Septem.r 1849

Sir

There was forwarded to your address from this Mint, about 10 days ago, 1629.25 Ozs of Silver Bullion, for the purpose of Coinage. When coined I will thank you to send the proceeds $500 in ½ $500 in ¼ Dollars and the balance as near as may be, equally divided, between Dimes & ½ Dimes.

Mr. Osborne has not yet returned from the Mountains where he has been sojourning during the suspension of operations he will probably be here on tomorrow or next day, when he will forward the estimate for the next fiscal year for this Mint.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. F. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. F. Strange, Clk

Charlotte N. C

Rec'd. Oct. 3d 27 Sept. 1849

October 1849

Branch Mint of the U.S.

Charlotte Sept 29. 1849.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of August 24th and Sept 7th. Some delay has occurred in replying to these communications which was caused by my absence from this place during the period in which we suspended the operations of this institution. On my appointment as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at this place I received instructions from the Treasury department to give a bond, prepared under the act of 1846. which I accordingly did and returned it to the department shortly thereafter. I received my commission with instructions to enter on my duties and obey them accordingly. It is proper to mention that I examined the act of Congress concerning the Branch Mints and brought to the attention of the department the clause prescribing the amount of the official bond of the Supt. some time afterwards. I received the form of the bond which I executed and enclosed to the department - and which I have gratified to learn has received your approbation. In an official communication of this date I have required the estimate for the year 1850 51. and in regard to the item of one thousand dollars. I have

add to the remarks already made on the subject that decency as well as convenience require that the improvements and repairs specified should be made. Sooner or later they must be done — and at any future time will certainly cost more than at present. The sum of an thousand dollars is the least sum which will answer the purpose. and in its expenditure the utmost economy will be observed. I have in conclusion to express my acknowledgements for the kind terms in which your letter of the 24th ult. is expressed. and hope our official connexion will during its very time be agreeable.

I have the Honor to be
Yours respectfully
James W Osborne

Dr R M Patterson
Director of the Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Town,

Jan. 11. Osborne, Esq
Charlotte N.C

Rec'd Oct. 5th 29 Sept 49

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 29th " September 1849

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. requesting the Estimates for this Branch of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1850 - 51, I respectfully submit the following,

For Salaries of Superintendent, Assayer, Coiner & Clerk	$ 6.000.
" Wages of Workmen in the various Departments	3.500.
" Contingent & Incidental Expenses, including fuel, materials, stationery, repairs, Wastage of Gold, and Melting	2.100.
" Repairing the Wall of the Ditch in front of the Mint, and for making other repairs in and about the Lot, and for painting	1.000.
	$ 12.600.

In explanation of the last item of $1000. I beg to inform you, that in order to carry off the water from the Streets the Town Authorities had to cut quite a deep ditch in front of the Mint, which it was necessary to wall up, and which had been walled up, by the Mint. A year or two ago in repairing the Streets, it became necessary to deepen it still more, and in doing so, they had to go below the foundation of the Wall, which has caused it in a great measure to tumble in, thereby allowing the side Walk gradually to abrade by the rains. The fences also about the Mint, have become very much in need of painting, not only to give them a decent appearance, but to protect them from the Weather.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W Osborne Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

From,

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd. 5 Oct. 29 Sept. 184[illegible]

Charleston S.C. Oct. 3rd 1849

Dr. R. McPatterson Esqr
U.S.M. Philadelphia

Dr. Sir We annex you a Bill Lading for one small Box Silver Bullion Shiped on board St. Columbus & Rec. from the U.S. Br. Mint Charlotte N.C. which is insured to Philadelphia, all expences follows the Box & hope will go safe

Most Respectfully
Chambers & White

SHIPPED, *in good order,* by CHAMBERS & WHITE, *on board* St. Columbus *the following Packages Merchandize:*

Dr. R. M. Patterson Philadelphia	One Box Silver Bullion

Expenses. $13.66

Freight 7.50

Marked as in the margin, and are to be delivered in like good order (unavoidable dangers of Fire and Navigation only excepted) unto Dr. R. L. Patterson *or* ~~assigns~~ his order, *he paying freight and expenses as specified above.*

CHARLESTON, S. C. Oct 2 1849.

J. B. Peck

From Chambers & White
Charleston Oct 3

Recd. 9 Oct. 1849

North Carolina

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R. M. Patterson Dundon
U. S. Mint Philadelphia
Pa

WILMINGTON & RALEIGH RAILROAD
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Mint U. S. Phil. Oct. 5/49

Sir,

The letter sent to you from Wm. J. Alexander, Esq., late Sup. of the B. M. at Charlotte, and which you have referred to me for my opinion of the case which it presents, was duly received; but I found it out of my power to give a satisfactory answer without further information. For this I have applied to the present Sup.t, and, on receiving his answer, I will give my opinion as you request.

R M P

Hon Wm M Meredith
Sec. of Treas

~~Trans~~
To

Secy of Treasy

5 Oct. 49

Mint U.S. Phil. Oct. 5/49

Sir,

The Sec. of the Tr'y has sent to me a letter from the late Supt. Mr. Alexander regarding a house built on the mint lot for the use of the watchmen. This letter is referred to me by the Department, "to say whether in my opinion, the expenditure was necessary or expedient." To form a judgment in the case I must beg your answers to the following questions.

Did Mr. Caldwell occupy rooms in the mint for his residence? If not, when did Mr. Alexander do so?

Do the watchmen live at the mint? What was the room occupied by them in the mint, before the new house was built? For what purpose was it used?

Where is the new building placed? What is its size, and what rooms has it? For what purpose is it used?

How many watchmen are there? How do they divide the watch at night? Do they keep their watch inside or outside of the mint building?

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. together with your estimate of the appropriations requisite in your mint, for the fiscal year commencing July 1st, 1850

Rm P.

James W. Osborne, Supt

Charlotte N.C.

P.S. Mr. Hare, a workman ~~the assistant~~ in our assay department, is about to commence the manufacture of his annual supply of lends and cupels, and he is desirous to know if he shall provide any for your mint, and if so ~~if any are needed at your mint~~ ~~what~~ what number ~~amount~~.

Dr

J M Osborne Esq

Charlotte N. C

5 Oct. 49

Branch Mint of the United States — Oct. 13. 1849

Sir

I recd. yours of Oct 5th and shall answer your inquiries in detail respecting the house constructed for the use of the Watchmen.
I am informed that Mr Calowell occupied the apartments assigned to the Superintendants until his resignation in April 1847. After the construction of the new building — he was without a family. and did not use the outhouses — intended for the use of the superintendant — Mr Alexander also occupied the superintendants apartments — until my appointment — His family did not however reside in the mint except from January last until August — during this latter period the Kitchen and other buildings were of course necessary to their comfort. Until Mr Alexander's family were moved into the mint — the Kitchen was occupied by the Watchmen — and answered the purpose as a resource for them very well. I expect to occupy the two rooms — assigned to the Superintendants — shortly — and will need all the outhouses connected with the establishment in which event there will be no house for the Watchmen except that in question. The present building is

situated on the southwest corner of the front lot of the mint in rear of the assayers rooms. It is neatly built is sixteen feet by twelve with a pitch of ten feet. There are two watchmen who divide the night equally between them keep their watch on the outside of the principal building and are required to be on the lot constantly unless absent by special permission. The Watch House has but one apartment is built of Brick and plastered so as to correspond in appearance with the other buildings on the premises. So long as it is regarded as advisable to guard the mint by watchmen whose whole time it is important that the government should command I cannot conceive it practicable to do without some such buildings as that in question. The establishment affords no apartments which they can occupy when the outhouses are occupied by the superintendent.

There is a supply of cupels on hand we will need however a pig of lead. The assayer requests me to say that he has not yet received the assay weights for which requisition has been heretofore made and which are now very important to his office.

Very Respectfully &c

James W Osborne

Form

J. W. Osborne, Sup
Charlotte N. C

Rec'd 20 13 Oct 49

Treasury Department
October 17. 1849

Sir

The enclosed requisition received from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans is submitted for your views as to the amounts asked for especially for "extraordinary expenses".

Be pleased to state whether in your opinion the improvements are required and whether the proposed cost is reasonable, and to return the enclosed at your earliest convenience.

I am very Resp.

W. M. Meredith
Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.

From

Sec. of the Treasy

Washington

Rec'd 18 17 Oct. 49

Rec'd Orleans

Mint U.S. Oct. 18, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th, ~~and~~ asking my opinion as to certain items ~~for~~ included in a requisition sent to the Department by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans. I think there can be no question except in regard to ~~the~~ what are called the "extraordinary expenses." Of these, the 1st is for $~~1200~~ 2400 for 550 yards of pavement ~~to replace~~ of stone, to replace one of wood which has gone into decay. The foreman of the coining department in this Mint has been lately at New Orleans, and he informs me that the pavement in question occupies a prominent position ~~around~~ at the outside of the building, and that it absolutely requires replacing. Wood is certainly a bad ~~article~~ material for the purpose, and ~~I am informed that the~~ bricks, though cheaper in the first instance, would not be so strong and so durable as stone blocks, which are therefore, as I think, properly selected by Mr. Kennedy.

The second item is for $1200, for a new interior fence, in place of ~~one~~ a wooden one now decayed. This fence, as I am ~~informed~~ told, forms within the lot, the inclosure of the Mint building. It ought therefore to be secure, and for this reason I think it ~~therefore~~ desirable to have it made of iron.

The third item is for "$400, for filling up, grading, and draining the grounds around the Mint." ~~The~~ I am assured, by the Authority above referred to, that this work is of indispensable importance, the grounds being, as Mr. Kennedy says, "in hills and hollows."

I am therefore of opinion that the ~~above~~ proposed improvements are desirable and important. I have not the means of forming a judgment of the costs; but I am sure that the requisitions are to the full amount that can be required.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

R.M.P.
Dep.

Sec. of Treasury

Washington

18 Oct 49

Mint U.S. Phil. Oct. 19/49

Sir,

The letter which I return enclosed was sent by you on the 5th inst, for my opinion in the case which it presents. I then replied that I found it out of my power to give a satisfactory answer until I received information for which I had applied to Mr Osborne, the present Sup. of the BM at Charlotte. I have this morning received his answers to my inquiries, and they are such as to satisfy me that the building in question was "necessary and expedient", and would have been allowed to Mr. Alexander had he applied, as he ought to have done, for liberty to build it.

The house is 16 feet by 12, built of brick and plastered, and the cost, viz. $232.25, seems to be moderate.

Yours

R M P

Hon Wm M Meredith
Sec. of Tr.
Washington

20 Oct 49

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 1 November 1849

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of October and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 8 1/2 Eagles = $40.

The Melter & Refiner requests that 12 Carboys of nitric acid be forwarded as early as convenient and for the payment of which a draft for $300 will be requested from the Treasury Department about the middle of this Month.

I will thank you to forward a Memo: of the Assay of Silver Bullion lately sent to you in order that I may credit the Melter & Refiner with the Amount; and be pleased to forward the Coin as early as may be as I am very nearly out of Coin to pay for Silver. —

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Jas. W. Osborne Supt.
by M. R. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

L. M. Osborne
by W. F. Strange, Atty
Charlotte N. C

Rec'd 7th 1 Nov. 1849

November 1849

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 17th Novem.r 1849

Sir

I have this day made a requisition on the Sec.y of the Treasury for $300. in your favor, which you will please to acknowledge when received.

The Melter & Refiner requests that you will send a Carboy of Sulphuric acid, as in examining his Stock when he made the requisition for the nitric acid he supposed that he had more than he really has and committed to do so at that time.

I am very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
James W. Adams
Superintendent

From,

J. W. Osborne, Supp

Charlotte N. C.

Rec^d. 23 17 Nov. 49

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J M Osborne, Esq.

Charlotte N.C.

21 Nov. 1879

Mint, U.S. Phila. Nov. 21, 1849

To
J. W. Osborne, Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

Sir – I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report for October and the assay coins received during the same time. Enclosed you will find a statement – value silver deposit made for you. The loss on melting was surprising to us, after the melter returned them zinc was found in the pot. The amount will be forwarded to you by the Charleston Branch to the care of Chambers & White. Your order for acid will be attended to, the supply record for this Mint has somewhat cramped the manufacturer with whom we deal and has delayed its shipment.

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Treasury Department
Novemb. 23d 1849.

Sir,

James D. Osborne Esq. Superintendt. of the U.S. Br. Mint at Charlotte N.C. in a letter, under date of the 17th inst. received this morning, requests that a sum of £300 may be transmitted to yourself, on account of an appropriation by Congress, for the Contingent Expenditures of said Branch Mint. This request will explain to you the object of a remittance of said sum, which I have this day directed to be made to you.

Very Respectfully Sir
Your Obt. Servt.
N. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Sec'y Treasury

Washington

Rec'd 24 23 Nov. 49

Charlotte

Statement of Gold Bullion rec.d and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a for the Month of November 1849

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dec.s	Stand.d Weight Oz.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	33.	85	30.	406	565.	69	565.	69
Do	15.	87	15.	165	282.	14	282.	14
Do	5.	93	5.	467	101.	71	101.	71
Bars + Amalgam	1.541.	29	1.496.	515.	27.842.	13.	27.804.	89
Do	31.	22	32.	363	602.	10	602.	10
Amalgam	8.	97	8.	191	152.	40	152.	40
Bars	5.	83.	5.	258	97.	82	97.	82
Bars + Amalgam	64.	77	66.	701	1240.	96	1240.	96
Bars	28.	51	28.	694	533.	85.	533.	85
Do	121.	89	124.	516	2.316.	57	2.315.	47
Do	107.	07	112.	706	2.096.	84	2.095.	77
Amalgam	5.	88	6.	355	118.	23.	118.	23
Do	7.	50	7.	957	148.	04	148.	04
Do	3.	92	3.	875	72.	10	72.	10
Do	17.	40	17.	186	319.	74	319.	74
Bars	71.	55	73.	377	1.365.	15	1.365.	15
Amalgam	5.	40	5.	357	99.	67	99.	67
Do	15.	65	16.	587	308.	60	308.	60
Do	6.	60	6.	490	120.	75	120.	75
Do	15.	40	14.	595	271.	53.	271.	53
Do	5.	25	5.	336	99.	27	99.	27
Do	39.	50	40.	508	753.	64	753.	64
Bars + Amalgam	32.	43.	31.	528	586.	57	586.	57
Amalgam	7.	57	7.	838	145.	82	145.	82
Bars	6.	09	5.	865.	109.	12	109.	12
Do	62.	55	53.	166	989.	13.	979.	24
Amalgam	5.	38	4.	798	89.	27	89.	27
Bars	10.	45.	11.	307	210.	36	210.	36
Carried forward	2.288.	22	2.249.	900.	41.858.	60.	41.808.	71

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca during the Month of Novem.r 1849.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1849			½ Eagles No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Brought forward	2.288.	22	2.249.	900	41.858.	60	41.808.	71	Novem.r	Half Eagles	No. 21.	4.390.	21.950.	
Amalgam	917.	64.	846.	796	15.754.	39	15.754.	39		Do.	22.	3.383.	16.915	
Do.	13.	50	11.	264	209.	56	209.	56						
Bar & Amalgam	49.	55	47.	787	889.	06	889.	06						
Amalgam	4.	47	4.	633	86.	20	86.	20						
Do.	6.	15.	6.	414	119.	33	119.	33.						
Do.	17.	05	17.	588	327.	40	327.	40						
Grains	5.	20	5.	442	101.	25	101.	25						
Bar	9.	23.	9.	648	179.	50	179.	50						
Do.	16	67	16	152	300.	50	300	50						
	3.327.	68	3.215.	624	59.825.	79.	59.775.	90.				7.773.	38.865	

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 11th Decem. 1849

Sir

I have the hona of transmitting to you a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month of November last, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8½ Eagles = $ 80.

I beg respectfully to call your attention to the request of our Assayer, for assay weights, heretofore communicated, as he complains very much of the inconvenience he is put to for the want of them.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
James W Osborne
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Jas. W. Osborne, Esq
Supt. Br. Mt.
Charlotte, N.C.
Dec. 4, 1849.

Rec'd 10th.

December 1849

Mint U.S. Phil. Dec. 11, 1849.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your monthly report for November, and of a package containing the coins reserved, during that month, for the annual assay.

Mr. Eckfeldt has promised to send the assay weights asked for, ~~by Dr.~~ in the course of two or three days.

I send herewith our account for the quarter ending the 30th of Nov. ult.

I also send a box containing 3 pairs of half-eagle dies, and will send by the following mails 3 pairs of quarter-eagle, and 3 pair of gold dollar dies.

The acids for which you applied have been forwarded.

R.M.P.

Dr.

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mt,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.
Supr. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Dec. 11, 1849.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia,
Dec. 15, 1849.

Dr. Sir,

I have received your letter of the 8th inst., regarding ~~the collection of~~ specimens of gold ore, in the possession of Mr. Edward H. Bissel, and proposing that the collection should be purchased by this Mint. I have no doubt, from the representations made by yourself and Mr. Peale, that the specimens ~~in quest~~ would be a desirable acquisition. ~~to our coll~~ I have to regret, however, that we have not the means of making the purchase, — ~~for~~ I ~~suppose~~ assume that the number of specimens is considerable, although you have omitted in your letter, this important element.

R.M.P.
Dr.

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq
Charlotte, N.C.

To

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.

Charlotte, N. C.

Dec. 15/49.

Treasury Department
August 7. 1849.

Sir

The enclosed communication just received from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans suggesting the expediency of suspending the operations of that establishment, in order that necessary repairs and alterations may be effected in the Coining and Melting department. Be pleased to let me have your views on the subject.

I am very Respt.

W M Meredith
Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

From,

Secy of Treasury

Washington

Rec'd. 8th 6 Aug. 49

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 16th August 1849

Sir

By permission of the Secretary of the Treasury I have suspended the Operations of this Branch of the Mint from to day till the 1st of October next, and have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of Our Operations for the half of the Month, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8 ½ Eagles and 4 Gold Dollars = $44.00

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jas. W. Osborne Supt.
by M. F. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Jas. W. Osborne, Sup

Charlotte N. C.

Rec'd 22 16 Aug. 1849

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
August 20. 1849

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir,

I herewith transmit the Official Bond of James W. Osborne, Superintendent of the Mint at Charlotte N.C., for your approval. When approved be pleased to forward the same to this Office.

Very Respectfully
Your &c
Gilchrist Whittlesey
Comptroller

Hon / E. Whittlesey
Washington
Rec. 21 20 Aug. 49

Dr R M Patterson Charlotte, ~~Dec~~ 8th 1869

Dear Sir

I am informed by Mr Edward H Bissel that he has in his possession a number of valuable specimens of Gold ores obtained from the mines of Nuttal Carolina which have been collected with great care and designed to exhibit the different characters of veins in which the metal is obtained. He also informs me that an apartment has been fitted up in the Mint in Philadelphia for the reception of such ores and I also infer that it ~~has~~ is the policy probably of the Mint to gather and preserve them for scientific purposes. I am induced to believe that if such an object be deemed advisable that the cabinet referred to is probably as good as any that can be obtained from the mineral region of the State and if it should be regarded as important I would undertake their arrangement and transmission ~~of~~ to Philadelphia. Mr Bissel informs me that the cost of the specimens will be $600 ~~[illegible]~~ each. and if packed $625 &c. I will add that this class of specimens is probably the only in the State and either calculated

than any which can be obtained to show the ~~structure~~ different descriptions of our ores. They embrace all descriptions of the ores and are rich specimens of the kinds.

Very Respectfully Truly

James W Osborne

PS Mr Bessel states that he had a conversation with Mr Peale on the subject of these specimens — and he will probably understand their character and uses, as I am not minor enough to ~~inform~~ describe them minutely.

JWO

From

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.

Branch Mint

Charlotte, N. C.

Dec. 8, 1849.

Rec'd 15th.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1849

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 4 January 1849.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of December last, as also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 12 ½ Eagles $60. and 8 ¼ Eagles = $20 in all $80. — making the total Amount of Assay Coins transmitted to you during the year $460.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. R. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander Esq

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd. 10th 4 Jan 1849

January 1849

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of December 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dec.	Stand'd Weight Oz.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	27.	32	27.	015	502.	60	502.	60
Do	31.	11	31.	341	583.	09	583.	09
Bars & Amalgam	21.	04	21.	500	400.	00	400.	00
Grains	4.	11	4.	342	80.	78	80.	78
Bars	17.	53	17.	918	333.	36	333.	36
Amalgam	19.	20	17.	343	322.	66	322.	66
Do	6.	84	7.	105	132.	20	132.	20
Do	8.	15	6.	981	129.	88	129.	88
Amalgam & Bechtlers Coins	6.	25	6.	234	115.	98	115.	98
Amalgam	16.	63	8.	240	153.	30	150.	94
Do	8.	70	7.	858	146.	20	146.	20
Do	10.	43	10.	798	200.	90	200.	90
Bars & Amalgam	28.	32	27.	836	517.	88	517.	88
Bars	134.	00	113.	900	2.119.	07	2.097.	87
Amalgam	37.	54	38.	456	715.	46	715.	46
Do	4.	35	4.	750	88.	37	88.	37
Bars	11.	85	10.	953	203.	78	203.	78
Amalgam	9.	08	9.	150	170.	23	170.	23
Bars	7.	02	6.	574	122.	31	122.	31
Amalgam	6.	42	6	646	123.	65	123.	65
Bars	52.	36	47.	657	886.	65	886.	65
Amalgam	9.	28	9.	392	174.	73	174.	73
Do	30.	33	29.	418	547.	31	547.	31
Do	11.	43	5.	231	97.	32	95.	61
Do & Bars	20.	59	20.	741	385.	89	385.	89
Bars & Amalgam	95.	20	100.	583	1.871.	30	1.870.	35
Amalgam	5.	21	5.	347	99.	48	99.	48
Bars	13.	65	14.	073	261.	82	261.	82
	653.	94	577.	382.	11.486.	20.	11.459.	98.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of December 1848.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dees.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		
Amount brought forward	653.	94	517.	382	11.486.	20	11.459.	98	1848
Amalgam	9.	67	10.	206	189.	88	189.	88	Decem^r
Bars	30.	57	30.	230	562.	42	562.	42	
Amalgam	8.	43	8.	813	163.	96	163.	96	
Bars	17.	13	15.	416	286.	81	286.	81	
Amalgam	7.	12	7.	214	134.	21	134.	21	
Bars	31.	11	27.	620	513.	88	513.	88	
Amalgam	17.	73	17.	591	327.	27	327.	27	
Bars + Amalgam	86.	50	85.	699	1.594.	40	1.594.	40	
Amalgam	9.	60	9.	162	170.	46	170.	46	
Bars + Amalgam	46.	40	47.	708	887.	59	887.	59	
Amalgams	12.	37	12.	644	235.	24	235.	24	
Bars	314.	60	323.	461	6 017.	88	6.015.	27	
Amalgam	22.	85	19.	973	371.	61	371.	61	
Amalgam	103.	25	105.	773	1.967.	86	1.967.	86	
Do	28.	82	29.	715	552.	83	552.	83	
Do	6	08	5.	795	107.	81	107.	81	
	1.406.	17	1.374.	402	25.570.	31	25.541.	48.	

		½ Eagles No of Pieces	¼ Eagles No of pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Half Eagles	No 21	3.277		16.385.	
Do	22	3.326		16.630.	
Do	23.	3.587		17.935.	
Quarter Eagles	24		4.012	10.030	
Do	25		4.115	10.287.	50
		10.190.	8.127.	71.267.	50.
		45 0.950	20,817.50		

10,190
8,127
(8317)

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca 3d February 1849.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of January, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8 1/2 Eagles = $40. —

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. F. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Wm. J. Alexander, Sup

Charlotte N.C

Rec. 10

3 Feb. 1849

February 1849

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca. during the Month of January 1849

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deduction		Value after Deduction	
Amalgam	10.	82	11.	035	205.	30	205.	30
Do.	59.	90	51.	214	952.	82	948.	19
Do	8.	00	8.	275	153.	95	153.	95
Do.	5.	57	5.	965	110.	97	110.	97
Bars	21.	55	21.	476	399.	55	399.	55
Do	12.	25	10.	735	199.	76	199.	76
Do.	87.	72	94.	153	1.751.	69	1.750.	87
Amalgam	11.	65	11.	117	206.	83	206.	83
Do	8.	78	8.	691	161.	69	161.	69
Do.	4.	15	4.	292	79.	85	79.	85
Bars	17.	54	18.	169	338.	02	338.	02
Do	6.	54	6.	917	128.	69	128.	69
Do.	18.	80	16.	626	309.	32	309.	32
Lumps & grains	72.	50	64.	524	1.200.	45	1.188.	82
Amalgam	9.	77	9.	963	185.	36	185.	36
Bars	69.	40	63.	999	1.190.	68	1.190.	68
Amalgam	21.	52	21.	494	399.	89	399.	89
Bars	7.	53	6.	826	127.	00	127.	00
Do.	19.	74	20.	780	386.	60	386.	60
Do.	7.	50	7.	483	139.	22	139.	22
Amalgam	15.	90	16.	323	303.	68	303.	68
Bars	91.	45	81.	491	1.516.	11	1.501.	48
Do.	10.	83	11.	273	209.	73	209.	73
Amalgam	4.	62	4.	793	89.	17	89.	17
Bars & Amalgam	20.	29	21.	686	403.	46	403.	46
Do. & Do.	33.	83	30.	183	561.	54	561.	54
Amalgam	14.	65	12.	241	227.	74	227.	74
Do.	8.	83	9.	377	174.	46	174.	46
Carried forward	681.	63.	651.	101	12.113.	53.	12.081.	82

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca during the Month of January 1849.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dwts	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dwts	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1849
Amount brought forward	681.	63.	651.	101.	12.113.	53.	12.081.	82.	
Amalgam	15.	27	15.	303.	284.	71	284.	71	January
Do	12.	52	12.	894	239.	89	239.	89	
Bars	122.	10	126.	576	2.354.	90	2.354.	90	
Amalgam	10.	57	8.	923	165.	81	165.	81	
Bars	10.	07	9.	543	177.	54	177.	54	
Do.	16.	20	16.	703.	310.	75	310.	75	
Do.	16.	18	16.	556	308.	02	308.	02	
Amalgam	26.	50	26.	057	484.	78	484.	78	
Bars	5.	75	5.	825	108.	37	108.	37	
Amalgam	11.	90	11.	132	207.	10	207.	10	
Do.	577.	43.	540.	520	10.056.	18	10.056.	18	
Do.	21.	86	19.	527	363.	30	363.	30	
Bars	25.	05	26.	302	489.	34	489.	34	
Do.	4.	05	3.	918	72.	90	72.	90	
Amalgams	8.	60	7.	185	133.	67	133.	67	
Do.	10.	65	10.	956	203.	83	203.	83	
	1.576.	33.	1.509.	021	28.074.	62	28.042.	91.	

		½ Eagles No. of pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
Half Eagles	No. 1.	2.804.	14.020.	
Do.	2.	2.769.	13.845.	
		5.573.	27.865.	

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of January 1849.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1849
Amount brought forward	681.	63.	651.	101.	12.	113. 53.	12.	081. 82.	
Amalgam	15.	27	15.	303.	284.	71	284.	71	January
Do	12.	52	12.	894	239.	89	239.	89	
Bar	122.	10	126.	576	2.	354. 90	2.	354. 90	
Amalgam	10.	57	8.	923	165.	81	165.	81	
Bar	10.	07	9.	543	177.	54	177.	54	
Do	16.	20	16.	703.	310.	75	310.	75	
Do	16.	18	16.	556	308.	02	308.	02	
Amalgam	26.	50	26.	057	484.	78	484.	78	
Bar	5.	75	5.	825	108.	37	108.	37	
Amalgam	11.	90	11.	132	207.	10	207.	10	
Do	577.	43.	540.	520	10.	056. 18	10.	056. 18	
Do	21.	86	19.	527	363.	30	363.	30	
Bar	25.	05	26.	302	489.	34	489.	34	
Do	4.	05	3.	918	72.	90	72.	90	
Amalgam	8.	60	7.	185	133.	67	133.	67	
Do	10.	65	10.	956	203.	83	203.	83	
	1.576.	33.	1.509.	021	28.074.	62	28.042.	91.	

		½ Eagles No. of pieces	Value Dolls. cts
Half Eagles	No 1.	2.804.	14.020.
Do	2.	2.769.	13.845.
		5.573.	27.865.

No 1

Hon R J Walker
Secy of Treasy
Washington

27 Feb. 49

Mint U. S. Phila.
Feb. 27, 1849

To—
Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of Treasury
Washington

Sir—

I have the honor to send enclosed the new official bond of John Dool, Field, Junior, given upon the confirmation of his appointment as Coiner of the U. S. Branch Mint at Dahlonega.

I have certified that it is to my satisfaction, on the declaration of the Superintendent of that Mint, that the sureties are the same as on the other bond both as to his respectability and responsibility.

Very respectfully yours
R M Patterson
Director

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 3d. March 1849.

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of February last, and enclosing the Coins reserved for the Annual assay. 4 1/2 Eagls = $ 20.

Mr. Alexander will draw upon you in a day or so for $ 460. the Amt. of Coins reserved and transmitted for assay during the past year.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. L. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Prem,

W. J. Alexander Esq

Charlotte

Recd. 9th 3 March 1849

March 1849

Mint U.S. Ph. March 28, 1849.

Sir,

You are aware that an act was passed, at the close of the late Congress, authorizing the coinage of Double eagles and Gold dollars. For this last coinage, it is proper that you should take immediate measures, so as to be ready, if possible, by the time that the dies shall be sent to you.

The weight of the Gold-dollar will be 25.8 grains
And its diameter will be half an inch.

For the execution of this coin, the following articles will be required, with the requisite arrangements suited to this end.

1. Moulds of the usual length and thickness, and about 1.1 inch in width; so that two pieces may be cut from the width of the strip.

2. Rolls and punches for cutting the Blanks, the diameter of which will not vary much from that of the coin; an allowance being ascertained by trial for milling.

3. Cutting and adjusting mighty. ~~the~~

4. The Milling-machine will require tubes, dies and groves, suited to the dollar planchets.

5. The Press will require a stuck, feeder and collar, suited to the planchets, and such as to strike the coin of the diameter above stated.

The moulds and the cutting and adjusting weights will be made here and sent to you.

R.M.W.

To/

Fofn,

Jas. F. Cooper Sup
Dahlonega

W. J. Alexander Sup
Charlotte

28 March 1849

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 3d April 1849.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of March last, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8 ½ Eagles = $140.00 —

I have ommitted to inform you that on the 9th Feby last I caused to be defaced 4 ½ Eagle Heads 1 ½ Eagle Tail 4 ¼ Eagle Head and 1 ¼ Eagle Tail Dies of 1848 in all 10 Dies of 1848 destroyed, leaving in the possession of the Coiner 7 ½ Eagle Tail, 3 ½ Eagle Head, 5 ¼ Eagle Tail and 3 ¼ Eagle Head Dies — in all 18 Dies of both Kinds —

The Melter & Refiner requests that you would forward as soon as can be done 12 Carboys nitric acid, One Cask of sand crucibles, One Bbl of Fire Clay, and a pair of Scales large enough to weigh 300 Ounces at one Draught, as it is very inconvenient for him to be coming into the Clerks Office, to weigh his Bullion,

The Assayer also requests that a carboy of pure nitric acid be forwarded for his use as he is very nearly out. —

To meet the payments for the above a Draft for $300. will be drawn in your favor about the middle of May — should that however be too distant, upon an intimation from you to that effect it will be acted for immediately

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. J. Alexander Supt.
by M. J. Strange Clerk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander

Charlotte

Rec'd. 9th 3 April '49

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 14 April 1849

Sir

Your letter of the 28th Ultto. in relation to the Coinage of Gold Dollars, was received during a short absence of mine, and Mr. Strange preferred waiting my return, or it should have been acknowledged on receipt.

Since my return, I have consulted with Mr. Graham, our Coiner, who is of opinion, that it will be much better & cheaper, (as you will necessarily have the requisite moulds at your Mint,) to forward to us the Tubes for the Mill and Press - a[1] tool for reeving the collar of the Die, and a[2] guage for the thickness of the strip from the Rolls, and in order to get the bed and punch for the cutting press, and the milling that is put on the pieces, he would be glad that you would send him a plain[3] planchet, and one that has been[4] milled. In the mean time he will make the necessary arrangements so that when those and the other requisite materials arrive he may be ready to commence the Coinage of Gold Dollars with as little delay as possible.

Can be bored & cut out not better.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm. J. Alexander
Superintendent

Be pleased to send a copy of the Act of Congress in relation to the Coinage of Gold Dollars.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

(1) being made. 2 a trifle either made here or there) 3 can be made here.
4 ditto.

From,

W. J. Alexander Esq

Charlotte

Rec'd 20th 14 April 1849

April 1849

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 1st May 1849.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month of April, last, as also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 16½ Eagles = $80.00. —

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm. J. Alexander Supt.
by W. Z. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander Sup
per W. F. Strange
Charlotte

Rec'd 7 1 May 1849

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1849.

Sir,

The articles applied for in your letter of the 3d ult, have all been sent, except the scales ~~etc &c~~ for the Melter & Refiner, which we will have made as soon as practicable.

The articles required for the gold-dollar coinage, mentioned in your letter of the 14th ult., are made and ready to be forwarded.

I send enclosed a copy of the act in relation to the coinage of gold dollars.

R. M. P.

D.

Wm. J. Alexander, Esq.

Sup. Br. Mt. Charlotte.

Pd

W. J. Alexander Esq
Charlotte N. C

2 May 1849

May 1849

To/ J. F. Cooper Sup
Dahlonega
Ga
8 May 49

Mint, U. S. Phila., Pa.
May 8, 1849

To-
J. F. Cooper, Supt.
Dahlonega, Ga.

Sir- I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant with the report of your operations for April and the package of coins reserved for the annual Assay.

I have submitted the remarks made respecting the milling machine for gold dollars to Mr. Piel and the cuts to the suggestion of Mr. L. Judson. We will therefore send in a short time the milling machine for which he asks and we think it best also to have it fitted up for the gold dollars before it is sent to you.

Mr. Todds' request for assay leads shall be attended to.

Very respectfully Yours
R M Patterson
Director

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 17th May 1849.

Sir

Dr. Gibbon requests me to say, that he would like to have a 2 millieme and 1 millieme weight for gold - to be enclosed and sent to him by mail, as he cannot confide in those he has.
I inclose a specimen of the old weights.

A requisition was made upon the Secretary of the Treasury on the 15th Inst in your favor for $300. which when received be pleased to acknowledge with the Nos of the Warrant & Draft.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. J. Alexander Supt
by W. F. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

W. J. Alexander Esq

Charlotte N. C

Rec'd. 23 17 May 1849

E. C. B.P.

Treasury Department
May 21st 1849

Sir,

A letter, under date of the 10th inst. received this morning, from Wm. J. Alexander Esq. Superintendt. of the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N. C. requests, that a sum of £300 may be transmitted to you, on account of the Contingent &c expenditures for that Branch Mint; which request, will explain to you, the object of a remittance of that amount, which I have, this day, directed to be made to you.

Very Respectfully Sir,
I remain Your Obt. Servt.

W. M. Sherrerdt
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Sec. of Treasury

Washington

Rec'd. 23

21 May 1849

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, May 24, 1849.

~~Wast~~

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst. ~~was~~ has been received, and also that of the 1st, accompanying the report for April & the assay bowls reserved in that month.

The Millieme weights, desired by Dr Gibbon, will be made by our Assayers, and sent to him.

The requisition in my favor for $300, made by you upon the Department, was paid to me this morning. The ~~[illegible]~~ ~~of the~~ Draft is No. 3460, on Treasury Warrant No. 9344.

This remittance places to your credit a balance of

A very excellent and finished balance, capable of weighing 300 ozs., can be procured at the price of $250. It was made for exhibition at the annual display of the Franklin Institute, and was highly approved by the Committee that examined it. I cannot, however, send it to ~~supply~~ ~~the~~ you, for the use of the Mutter & Refiner, without your consent, and a further remittance in my favor.

The gold-dollar dies will be sent to you in a few days. Other materials for that coinage were sent to you some 15 days ago, and have already, I hope, been received.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Wm. J. Alexander, Esq.
Supt. of Branch Mint,
Charlotte N. C.

To/

Wm. J. Alexander, Esq.

Sup. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

May 24/49.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 May 1849

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month just ended & the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay, 4½ Eagles = $20.

Your letter of the 22d & 24th inst. are received and in answer to that of the 22d I beg to state, that as far as I am able to ascertain, I should think it must cost between 4 & 5 ℔ pound for the transportation of nitric acid from Philadelphia to this place. — that there were 349 deposites of Gold made in this Mint in 1848 — that there were 29 of them reported for parting containing 2.327.94 Oz — that 609 764/1000 Oz of Silver were parted and paid for to Depositors, upon which the charges accruing to the Mint, were $ 40.42

In relation to the Scales mentioned in your letter of the 24th I should like very much to have them for the Melt & Refinery, but I do not think that I can encounter the expense at this Quarter. Could you not have made at your Mint, a pair that would answer our purposes for a much less sum? If you can, I would thank you to have them made, as the Melt & Refinery is sometimes put to a good deal of inconvenience for the want of a pair.

We have received the acid and crucibly, but none of the materials for the Coinage of the Gold Dollar have as yet come to hands —

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm. J. Alexander
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director &c

From

Wm. J. Alexander, Esq

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N. C.

May 31, 1849.

Rec'd. June 6.

June 1849

Mint U. S. June 11, 49

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report for May together with the Assay Cairs received in that month, and also your replies to my queries relating to the cost of acid &c.

We mail, to day, a pair of dollar dies, and a second pair will be sent to morrow. The articles which you desired to have prepared here, for the dollar coinage, have already been forwarded, to the care of Chambers & White.

I enclose my account for the quarter ending May 31st.

Rec'd P.
D.

W. J. Alexander, Supt
Charlotte N. C.

No 1

W. J. Alexander Esq

Charlotte N. C

11 June 1849

19. June 1849.

Private and Confidential.

My dear Sir,

The Superintendant has decidedly expressed & repeated the Opinion that the Officers & Workmen ought to have the relaxation they wish — every reason — and promised he would ask for it. But just now he fears some advantage may be taken for his ~~dismiss~~ dismissal — and he declines to interfere.

For this reason, alone, the enclosed request is urged upon your attention & kind consideration.

To the Director of the Mint.

James W. Osborne

Private and Confidential.

J. R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U.S. Branch Mint North Carolina
Charlotte 19. June 1849

Sir,

During the months of August & September almost every white person - who can afford to leave this part of North Carolina - retires to the upper country for health - which is precarious here every season - varying in degree.

During these dry months there are few deposits at the Mint - in consequence of the want of water for washing ores — and annually some officer - or workman - is obliged to be absent from his duty for want of health — which delays the operations of the Mint.

I therefore wish to obtain temporary leave of absence during such portions of the months of August & September as you think proper - that I may retire my family from this sickly neighborhood - and obtain a relaxation, which after twelve years service here, I seem to require.

I am with great respect

Yr. obt Svt.

J. H. Gibbon

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

Dr. J. H. Gibbon,
Assayer of Br. Mint.
Charlotte, N.C.
June 19/49.

Rec'd. 25th.

Charlotte

Mint U. S.
Phil. June 25/49.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., in which you apply for leave of absence from Charlotte during part of the months of August and September, — sickness being prevalent there in these months.

I cannot claim authority to grant such a privilege to you, or to the officers or workmen of your Mint. This must be done by application from the Superintendent to the Secretary of the Treasury. As in these cases, however this officer has always required my assent to the measure, I hereby give it, on the grounds which actuated me, under similar circumstances, last year.

R. M. P.
Sec.

Dr. J. H. Gibbon
Assayer Branch Mint
Charlotte, N.C.

Dr. J. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
June 25/49.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1850

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of December 1849.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec's.	Stand Weight Ozs.	dec's	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	4.	25	4.	593	85.	45	85.	45
Do	44.	27	43.	609	811.	32	811.	32
Do	9.	60	7.	786	144.	85	144.	85
Do	25.	85	25.	906	481.	97	481.	97
Do & Bars	41.	07	29.	759	553.	66	549.	59
Bars	5.	15	4.	840	90.	05	90.	05
Do	8.	72	8.	767	163.	11	163.	11
Do	28.	32	17.	746	330.	16	325.	96
Do	7.	95	8.	275	153.	95	153.	95
Amalgam & Bechtlers Coins	6.	75	6.	472	120.	41	120.	41
Amalgam	869.	50	811.	115	15.090.	53	15.090.	53
Do	5.	60	6.	035	112.	30	112.	30
Do	7.	33	7.	630	141.	95	141.	95
Do	1.038.	40	975.	816	18.154.	74	18.135.	84
Bars	105.	08	105.	255	1.958.	23	1.958.	23
Amalgam	7.	47	6.	830	127.	07	127.	07
Bars	40.	91	40.	376	751.	17	751.	17
Amalgam	18.	48	18.	480	343.	81	343.	81
Do	5.	21	5.	527	102.	82	102.	82
Bars	13.	80	13.	845	257.	60	257.	60
Do	15.	76	16.	003	297.	73	297.	73
Do	10.	29	10.	690	198.	90	198.	90
Do	98.	20	83.	360	1.550.	58	1.535.	36
Do	16.	13	14.	355	267.	07	267.	07
Amalgam	10.	17	10.	767	200.	32	200.	32
Do	8.	25	8.	963	166.	75	166.	75
Bars & Amalgam	86.	00	82.	872	1.541.	81	1.541.	81
Amalgam	6.	25.	6.	534	121.	56	121.	56
Carried forward	2.446.	74	2.382.	206	44.320.	17	44.277.	48

Statement of Gold Bullion received, and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca during the Month of December 1849.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs	dwts	Stand.d Weight Ozs	dwts	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		1849
Brought forward	2.446.	74	2.382.	206	44.320.	17	44.277.	48	
Amalgam	18.	19	18.	087	336.	50	336.	50	Decem.r
Bar	10.	91	10.	896	202.	72	202.	72	
Amalgam	6.	33.	6.	785	126.	23	126.	23	
Do	11.	15.	11.	410	212.	28	212.	28	
Bars	52.	92	43.	918	817.	07	817.	07	
Amalgam	5.	47	5.	675	105.	60	105.	60	
Bars	139.	80	142.	284	2.647.	15.	2.647.	15.	
Amalgam.	38.	41	35.	523.	660.	90	660.	90	
	2.729.	92	2.656.	784	49.428.	62.	49.385.	93.	

		½ Eagles Ozs	dwts	Value Dolls	cts
Half Eagles	No 23.	3.481.		17.405.	
Do	24	1.907.		9.535.	
Do	25.	2.101.		10.505.	
		7.489.		37.445.	00

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 8th January 1850.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month of Decem.r last, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 12 1/2 Eagles = $60. making the whole value of Assay Coins transmitted during the year to be $448.00— for which Amount I will draw on you at sight, after the Annual Assay has been made.

I have received by the last several mails, 9 Boxes, Contg. our Dies for the present year. By the end of this month I will inform you of the defacement of the Dies which we have now on hand. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of our acids, and the Box Containing the Silver Coins—

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt,
Jas. W. Osborne Supt.
by W. F. Strange Clk.

P. S. The Assayer requests that a Carboy of Muriatic acid be sent as soon as possible.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Jas. W. Osborne
by W. F. Strange.
Br. Mint.
Charlotte, N. C.
Jan. 8, 1850.

Rec'd. 14th.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 1st February 1850

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the past month, and also the Coins reserved for the Annual assay 4 ½ Eagles = $20. and 4 ½ Eagles $10. in all $30.

The Melter & Refiner requests to have forwarded at an early day 100 lbs of Copper for alloy, 1.000 lbs of Zinc, 6 setts of ½ Eagle Moulds, 30 black lead pots No 30 & 40. 12 Carboys of nitric Acid, 100 lbs of Salt petre and 50 lbs of corrosive sublimate.

He begs me to say that his ½ Eagle moulds, have become too large and worn so uneven, that it is with difficulty that he can get out the keys of; he also requests me to mention that the last pots he got of the No 30s were so thin, that they would scarcely bear a melt, and never two, but that the 40s were excellent.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James W. Osborne Supt
by M. B. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Jas. W. Osborne

Sup. Br. Mint

Charlotte N. C.

Feb. 1, 1850.

Rec'd 8 th.

Dr R M Patterson

Charlotte Feb 26 1850

Sir

I inclose to you a communication handed to me from Mr Edward Bond in regard to the specimens of ore which he proposes to sell to the Government. I recd a communication from you on the 15th of December in reply to one of mine of [redacted] previous date on this subject. In that letter you remark that no description of the ore is given which of other circumstances favored would be decisive as to the purchase. The communication of Mr Bond will supply that deficiency. On the subject of the purchase I need only say that I have no doubt they are the best and probably the only [illegible] which has been obtained from our mines. That while it is true that the miners of this region are now more extensively and profitably employed than at any former period. The miners do not find the same variety, and often the present demand attained. And there is no other gentleman of the same skill who would probably take an interest in collecting and arranging them. The official business of this Branch will require attention in my monthly report which will be sent in a few days

Respectfully &c

Jas W Osborne

From

Wm. W. Osborne, Esq

Asst. Br. Att.

Charlotte, N.C.

Feb. 26/ 5th

Rec'd March 4.

I proposed selling, viz
A collection of Specimens
from the principal Mines
of Mecklenburg Co. N.C.
comprising the different
varieties of the richest Ores
of this section of the Mining
Region.

The Specimens are of large
size generally, & were
selected with a view
of having a collection
that should exhibit the
leading Ores of N.C. more
distinctly than could be
purged of per the smaller
ordinary Cabinet size.

They are from different
depths of the Veins & the
only collection of the size
& kind that I know of in
or out of the State.

They are from six to
eighteen inches in size &
in number probably 100.

I offer them at what I
consider their intrinsic value
for Gold - at one Dollar each

as they are, or, one dollar and a quarter if packed in Boxes & delivered in Charlotte

I prefer selling them, to having them ground up, even at the same amount to be realised, as such a lot cannot be replaced again, as some of the Mines are worked out to 100 or one hundred feet or more & these shew the character of the Ore above that depth & under -

They are inconvenient for me to have moved about, & I have a very extensive collection of the Cabinet size which are more easily moved wherever I go, & better suited for a Cabinet, while these are more appropriate for a Government collection -

Yours, very Respy

E. H. Bissell

James W. Osborne Esq
U. S. B. Mint
Charlotte

Treasury Department
Feby. 26, 1850.

Sir

It appears from returns received by the accounting officers from the Branch Mint at Charlotte that there has been an accumulation of silver at that branch, beyond what is required for the refinery, amounting to about $5000.

This, if in Coin, might, under the provisions of the 18th. Sect. of the Act of 1837 be applied to the payment of the Contingent expenses of the Mint - As bullion, however, it is not available at Charlotte.

Be pleased to state whether any mode occurs to you, other than the actual transfer of the bullion, by which it can be made available for Contingencies at Charlotte - or, if not required there, for the use of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I am very Respt.

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint -
Philada.

Hon.

Sec. of Treasury

Washington

Rec'd. 27 Feb. 1830 26

February 1830.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 1 March 1850

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of February last, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 4½ 4¼ Eagles & 4 G Dollars in all $34.00.

I committed in my last to inform you that I had caused to be destroyed 3 Heads ½ Eagle 3 Heads ¼ Eagles 4 Tail & 1 Head Gold Dollar Dies in all 11 Dies, leaving in possession of the Coiner 29 Dies of all Kinds, viz: 10 ½ Eagle 8 ¼ Eagle & 2 Gold Dollar Tail Dies 3 ½ Eagle, 3 ¼ Eagle and 3 Gold Dollar Head Dies — and in my possession 2 tail Gold Dollar Dies intended for the Georgia Branch as the letter D. is on them. Shall I transmit them to that Branch or what disposition shall I make of them?

In the course of a day or so I will draw upon you at sight for $448. the amount of Coins transmitted during the year for trial at annual Assay.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Serv

James W Osborne Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From.

A. M. Osborne Sup

Charlotte N. C

Recd 6 1 Mar. 1850

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 8, 1837.

Sir,

I have given my attention to the offer made by E. H. Biddle Esq., and I have consulted with the officers of the Mint who have taken the most interest in our Cabinet, and we have come, with regret, to the conclusion that we cannot accept the liberal proposition. The collection is too ~~entirely~~ exclusively devoted to one point, to suit our views and our means.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Jas. W. Osborne. Esq
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N. C.

To/

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.
Supr. Br. Att.
Charlotte, N.C.

March 8, 1850.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 4th April 1850.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month of March last.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
M. F. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Supt at Charlotte

4 April 1850

Recd 10

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 2d May 1850

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of April, and the Coins reserved for the annual Assay — 8 ½ Eagles = $ 170.00.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne Supt.
by M. F. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

L. W. Osborne

Sup't at Charlotte

Rec'd 8 2 May 1851

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 31 May 1850.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of May, and also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 12½ Eagles = $60.

The Assayer requests a carboy of pure nitric acid for assaying, which I will thank you to forward as soon as possible, as he is very nearly out.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Jas. W. Osborne Supt.
by W. F. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From,

L. W. Osborne, Sup

Charlotte N. C.

Rec'd June 5. 31 May 1850.

Treasury Department
Comptrollers office
June 15 1850

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 12 instant, relative to the transportation of Silver Bullion, from the Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina - I will inform you, that after giving this subject a mature consideration, I have come to the conclusion that you are the proper person to take charge of all matters of this kind, as it properly comes under your Control as Superintendant of the Mint - You will therefore give such directions to the Treasurer of the Mint at Charlotte, as you may think best, to ensure its safe transportation to Philadelphia -

I explained in my letter of the 7 instant the necessity of this transfer of Bullion to Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey.
Comptroller

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

From

C. Whittlesey, Comptr.

Washington,

Recd. 15 June 14/50

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 29th June 1850.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month just ended.

I also inclose you a check for $300. on the Merchants Bank New York, the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
James W Osborne
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Chas. W. Osborne, Esq

Charlotte N.C

Rec'd July 5 29 June 1850

Treasury Department
July 16. 1850.

Sir

I enclose herewith a letter received from Col. W. Osborne Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte asking for permission to suspend the operations of that Branch during the Sickly season.

If, in your opinion, no inconvenience will be caused by that course, You will be pleased to give Mr. Osborne the authority to do so.

I am very respectfully

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. Wm. Patterson -
Director of the Mint

From,

Sec. of Treasury

Washington

Rec'd. 18 16 July 1850

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, July 19, 1850

Sir,

The hon. Secretary of the Treasury has sent to me your letter to him of the 25th ult., in which you ask "for permission to suspend the operations of the Branch Mint at Charlotte during the sickly season"; and he has says that "if, in my opinion no inconvenience will be caused by that course, I will be pleased to give Mr. Osborne the authority to do so."

For reasons which I deem sufficient, and which I have presented on other similar occasions, I give the authority which you ask, under the authority granted to me, the permission which you ask.

R. M. S.
Dr.

J. James W. Osborne, Esq.
Sup. of Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

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S. M. Osborne, Sup
Charlotte, N. C

19 July 1850.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 25th July 1851

Sir

Will you have the Kindness to forward to the Actg Secretary of the Treasury, an application to permit the usual suspension of operations at this Branch Mint, during the sickly season.

This appears to be a necessary indulgence for the Officers and Workmen, and their Families, at a period when very little Bullion is presented here, and when we all suffer from the climate.

I thought it most proper to pass this request, through your hands, under present circumstances, and when we have little time for delay.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

James W Osborne Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

L. M. Osborne,

Charlotte N. C

25 July 1850

Rec'd 31

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 27th July 1850

Sir

I beg to return one of the vouchers in your A/c which has been suspended at the Treasury Department for want of a proper indorsement. Be pleased to have it signed and sent back in order that I may get the proper credit at the next Quarter.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W Osborne
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

J. W. Osborne, Sup

Charlotte N.C.

July 27/50

Rec'd Aug. 2

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 1 August 1850

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of July last, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay

8 1/2 Eagles = $ 85. —

I expect in the course of next week to be able to transmit to you about 2000 Ozs of Silver Bullion according to the instructions of the Comptroller, as conveyed in your letter of the 17th June.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jas. W. Osborne Supt
by W. H. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

J. W. Osborne, Supt

Charlotte N. C.

Recd. 8 1 Aug. 1850

Rec't ack'd by R. P. Dunton Clerk

on 16 Aug.

1850.

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L. M. Osborne, Sup
Charlotte
~~New Orleans~~

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Sch. 150

Mint, U. S. Aug. 5, 1850.

To
J. W. Osborne, Supt.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir — I enclose the third bill which you sent me with the voucher named. You will have received before this permission to close the Mint altogether by me in a letter of the 19th ultimo written in response to your request of the 25th.

Very respectfully
R. M. Patterson
Director

SHIPPED in good order, and well-conditioned, by Chambers White on board the good Steamer called the Osprey whereof J. Dickinson is Master for the present voyage, now lying in the port of **Charleston, S. C.**, and bound for Philadelphia To say:

Sold by JOSEPH WALKER, 101 East-Bay.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Philadelphia Mint

Value $2.500.—

One Box Silver Bullion

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid port of Philadelphia (the danger of the seas only excepted) unto Dr. R. M. Patterson or to his assigns, he or they paying freight for the said

Six dolls: —

with —— primage and average accustomed. In Witness Whereof, the Master or Agent of the said vessel hath affirmed to three Bills Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at **Charleston, S. C.**, the 22d day of Augst 1850

Contents unknown

George W. Bee
for Agt

7 ft & Ports

Charleston S.C. Augt. 24th 1850

Dr. R. M. Patterson Director of the
Mint Phila.

Dr. Sir

Herewith we hand you B/L for one Box Silver Bullion shiped on board St. Osprey to your address, which we insured here at ½ % premium on Twenty five hundred Dollars ($2,500) by order of James W Osborne Esq at Charlotte N.C & charged same to that Mint,

Yours Respectfully
Chambers & White

From,

Chambers & White

Charleston

Rec. 28 24 Aug 1850

North Carolina

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 21st Septem.r 1850.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. in reference to the Silver Bullion lately forwarded to you, and of which an assay memo: was inclosed, I have to inform you that it was forwarded according to instructions, contained in a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury of 26th March 1850, and reiterated in yours of the 17th June last.

I had supposed it was intended to make it a permanent deposite in your Mint, which was my reason for requesting that you would obtain such a receipt from your Treasurer as would discharge this Branch, and in time that it might be incorporated with my Accts for the present Quarter.

I shall address the Comptroller upon the subject by this Mail, and should it be intended as a transfer from this Branch to your Mint, of so much Bullion, I will thank you to cause the proper Rec.t or voucher to be forwarded, in order that I may be discharged from further liability as to it.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obl.t Serv.t
James W. Osborne Supt
by W. H. Strango Clerk

P.S. I forwarded on 14 August a Report of operations and $20 assay Coins. Has it been received?

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Iowa,

J. W. Osborne, Esqr.

Charlotte N.C.

Recd 28th

21 Sept. 1852.

Mint of the United States

28 Sept. 1850.

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st, received this morning, has called my attention to a previous communication of the 14th August, accompanying a report of assay ores for that month, of which I had no recollection or record. On inquiry, however, I found the letter unopened in the Assayer's Office, where returned ores are generally placed. I suppose I am myself to blame for this mistake the package having arrived during a temporary absence of my clerk. Your orders shall be transmitted will be attended to without delay. ——

The silver from your bench can only be placed in our treasury by a transfer from the department as you have suggested.

Very respectfully

R. M. Patterson

Director

Jno. Osborne, Esq.

Pol

I. W. Osborne, Sup.

Charlotte, N.C.

28 Sep. 1850

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 31st October 1850.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month just ended and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8 1/2 Eagles = $170.

I respectfully submit the following estimate of the expenses of this Branch for the fiscal year 1851 & 1852 viz:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk	$6.000.
" Pay of Labourers	3.500.
" Wastage of Gold & Contingent Expenses	1.500.
" Pay of 2 Watchmen	600.
	$11.600.

In obedience to your request, I enclose you a statement shewing the Amount of Bullion received, and Coinage executed annually, with the annual expense at this Branch, from 1838 (when we commenced operations) to 1st Novem.r 1850, distinguishing as far as I am able the States whence the Gold Bullion was received. The distinction does not purport to be entirely accurate, but the variation, if any, is believed to be quite inconsiderable.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
James W. Osborne Supt.
by W. J. Strange Clerk

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From.

J. W. Osborne, Supt.

Charlotte N. C.

Recd Nov. 5 31 Oct. 1859.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed annually at the N. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. and the Annual Expenditure at the same from the year 1838 to the 1st November 1850 inclusive.

	Gold Bullion						Gold Coinage					Annual Expenditure	
	Where from N. Carolina		Where from S. Carolina		Total Amount Dolls.	cts	½ Eagles No. of Pieces	¼ Eagles No. of Pieces	Gold Dollars No. of Pieces	Total Amount Dolls.	cts.	Dolls.	cts.
1838	106.178.	87	25.519.	58	131.698.	45	12.886.	7.894.		84.165.		16.836.	30
1839	110.397.	31	16.439.	09	126.836.	40	23.467.	18.173.		162.767.	50	14.590.	28
1840	120.630.	49	6.955.	42	127.585.	91	18.994.	12.834.		127.055.		13.875.	17
1841	110.766.	39	21.821.	02	132.587.	41.	21.467.	10.281.		133.037.	50	11.525.	95
1842	168.682.	32	5.724.	79	174.407.	11	27.480.	8.642		159.005.		11.070.	86
1843	240.094.	74	31.968	98	272.063.	72	44.353.	26.096		287.005.		11.221.	41
1844	156.989.	84	10.360.	09	167.349.	93.	23.631.	11.622		147.210.		10.471.	95
1845												3.767.	50
1846	196.380.	52			196.380.	52	12.995.	4.808		76.995.		7.839.	53
1847	319.657.	02	25.151.	52	344.808.	54	84.151.	23.226		478.820.		11.358.	46
1848	359.075.	09	11.710.	12	370.785.	21	64.472.	16.788		364.330		11.238.	56
1849	378.222.	71	12.508.	86	390.731.	57	64.823.	10.220.	11.634.	361.299.		11.529.	02
1850	222.239.	34	12.851.	50	235.090.	84.	46.905.	9.148.	6.966.	264.361		8.638.	16.
	2.489.314.	64.	181.010.	97	2.670.325.	61.	445.624.	159.732.	18.600.	2.646.050.		143.963.	15.

20,780 8
41,640 9
31,828 0
31,748 1
36,122 2
76,449 3
35,253 4
17,803 6
107,333 7
81,260 8
86,677 9
63,019 0
623,902 6

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30th Novem.r 1850.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month just ended, and the Coins reserved for the Annual assay = 4 1/2 Eagles = $20.00.

At the beginning of this Month, I had the honor of forwarding a Report for October, and $40 reserved Coins, with the estimates for this Branch for the fiscal year 1851 & 1852, and the Amount of Gold Bullion received & Gold Coinage executed and the annual expenditure at this Branch from its establishment to the 1st Inst. — the reception of which by you has not been acknowledged.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne Supt
by W. J. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

A. W. Osborne, Esq

Charlotte N. C

Rec. Dec. 7 30 Nov. 1850

Mint of the United States,
9 Dec. 1850.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your reports for October & November & the assay coins received during the same time; also, the statements of Coinage &c prepared in conformity with the request from the department.

Enclosed is my account with you for the quarter ending 30th ult.

A pair of ½ Eagle dies for 1851 is sent by this days mail. The remainder of your supply will be sent from day to day, in nine separate boxes.

Very respectfully &c
R. M. Pate
Director

J. W. Osborne, Sup.
Charlotte N.C.

Dr R M Patterson Charlotte Dec 14 1850

Sir

Some four weeks since I enclosed to you an official bond, prepared under instructions from the Secy. Treas. for your approval. but have received no information in regard to it. I am apprehensive that it may not reached its destination by some accident of the mail. Will you do me the favour to inform me whether it has been received — and what disposition has been made of it.

Very respectfully &c

Samy W Osborne

From,

Jas. W. Osborne, Sup

Charlotte N.C

Recd 20 14 Sept '50

By

L. C. Osborne, Sup

Charlotte N. C

Dec. 9/50

Treasury Department
Decemb. 17. 1850

Sir,

In reply to a letter under date of the 5th inst from J. W. Osborne Esq. Superintendt of the U.S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. he has been authorized, in carrying out certain objects of public interest, to draw, through you, for £300 upon a fund of £2,696.20, which in a letter to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury under date Octob. 24. 1850, you represent as having been placed to the credit of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. I will thank you to preserve that oversight & care of this fund, that no amount is drawn from it, unless the same shall have been duly authorized by this Department.

Very Respectfully Sir,
I remain Your Ob. Sw.

Thos Corwin
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Penna.

From,

Sec. of Treasury

Washington

Recd 19th 19 Dec. '58

Mint of the United States,

20 Nov. 1880.

Sir,

Your Bond, concerning which your letter of the 14th makes enquiry, was duly received, & forwarded with my approval to the department. I overlooked the proper acknowledgment in my letter to you of the 5th, and regret the uneasiness which I have caused.

Bon. No. 4 of dies is forwarded to day.

At the close of the year I have to request that, in addition to the usual report, a statement of the operations in deposits & coinage for the whole year be transmitted, together with a list of the coins reserved for the annual assay.

I have received a notification from the department to honor your drafts on the fund of $2696.20 sent by you, every amount drawn to be authorised by the department. I presume it was to supply me with funds after the withdrawal of this amount that your requisition for $300 of which you gave me notice was made. Neither of the drafts has yet been received.

Very respectfully &c

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.
Charlotte N.C.

~~From~~ To,

Jas W. Osborne, Supt

Charlotte N.C

20 Dec'r '60

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1851

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 4th January 1851.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of December last and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 12½ Eagles = $60. also a statement of the Amount of Gold Bullion deposited, and Gold Coinage executed, during the year 1850 with a list of the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay which have been transmitted from time to time during the year.

I beg to renew my request of the 13 August, for 1 Cask of sand crucibles, 4 fine sieves or riddles for the sweep N°10 or 12. and for a Dozen of black lead pots N°16 if they can be had, (the acid has been received.) and in addition the M & Refiner requests to have forwarded 8 Glass Matrasses and 4 Copper pans 17 inches in diameter for the drying furnaces.

I have been instructed by the 1st Auditor to place to the credit of my Ordinary Expenses &c the Amt. of Silver Bullion now in your Mint, with authority for you to use $300 for the payment of any Bills that may be due from this Mint, which you will be pleased to do, until I can place you in funds from the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay.

I have received 5 boxes of Dies, and will acknowledge the receipt in full when they are all received

Very respectfully Your Obt Servt
James W. Osborne Supt
by M. F. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

From,

A. W. Osborne Esq

Charlotte

Recd. 10 4 Jan. 67

January 1867

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 1 February 1851

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month of January just past and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 8 Gold Dollars, = $8.00.

You will no doubt be surprized at the small number and value of the Deposites received during the Month, For the last 6 Weeks or two Months, our Village, has been in a complete state of isolation on account of a "contagious eruptive disease", with which we have been visited, by some called Smale Pox, by others Varicella. Let it be what it may, it has proved very fatal among the black population in Town, and has spread a panic in the Country such as I never recollect to have witnessed under any circumstances. All the Villages, and even Sections of Country, within a diameter of 40 Miles have passed stringent resolutions to prevent any of our people from visiting them, or their people coming to Town, which have had the effect of preventing almost all intercourse with us. I am happy to be able to say that no new cases have occurred during the past Week, and we are in hopes that in the course of a fortnight or at farthest a Month, our Town will have returned to its usual state of health.

I am very respectfully
Your Ob. Serv.
James W. Osborne Supt
by W. F. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Phila

From,

S. W. Osborne, Esq

Charlotte

Recd 8 1 Feby 1851

February 1851

House of Repr. Feb. 20. 1857.

Sir

Coming from the Congressional district in N.C in which the Charlotte Mint is located I would be glad to have some information as to the expediency of authorising the coinage of Silver at that branch and what would be the expense of puting such coinage in operation

The great want of small silver coin for change in that quarter has recently produced a wish ~~in N.C~~ for authorising such coinage if it be not too expensive nor inexpedient

Any information from you on the subject would be gratefully received

Very Respectfully

E. Debury

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint

From,

E. Delany, M. R.
Washington

Rec'd 21

20 Feb. 1851

Mint of the United States
21 Feb. 1851.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of yesterday in which you ask my views as to the expediency of authorising the coinage of silver at the Charlotte Branch Mint, and as to the expense incident thereto.

There is no intrinsic difficulty in the introduction of such coinage, nor would the expenses of the Mint be materially enhanced thereby. Some increase in the silver of their bullion fund would be required; but any other changes could readily be effected with the materials on hand or procurable here. The coinage must, however, be confined to the smaller pieces, the presses at their command being unfit for the large silver coins.

Considering the present ratio of gold & silver it is doubtful whether the small change for the want of which your constituents complain could be introduced by the measure you propose. At this Mint, with every facility for the coinage of silver, with a supply on hand which we could at once furnish in exchange for bullion, we find that (comparatively) no deposites are received, although the scarcity of the coins is much complained of. A change in the weight of the small silver coins has been recommended by me as indispensable to secure the circulation of the pieces, in a late letter to Mr. Phoenix.

Very respectfully yours &c.

R. M. Patterson, Director

Hon. E. Deberry, H.R.

To

Hon. E. Deberry,

H. R.

Washington

21 Feb. 1851

Mint of the United States
24 Feb. 1851

Sir,

I regret to find from my letter book that your communications of Jan. 4th & Feb. 1 have not been acknowledged. They were duly received & the assay coins likewise.

The result of the annual assay shewed that your coins, mingled in mass, were 3 thousandaths of an ounce light; their fineness was 899.9

I regret to learn of the epidemic which so impeded your operations in January.

A deputy from your neighborhood was at the Mint this morning with some California gold, and inquired within what time he could receive the coin if the bullion were taken to your institution. We were unable to give a reply. I shewed be glad to learn when you are in a condition to make payments on assay, & what is the average time of delay.

The several articles ordered for your Mint have been shipped.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq
Charlotte.

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq

Charlotte N.C

24 Feb. 1857

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 1 March 1851

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Months of February just past, by which you will perceive that the reception of Bullion still continues to be very limited.

The Assayer requests a Carboy of pure nitric acid and requests me to call your attention to the fact that the last Carboy sent, although marked "C.P." contained muriatic acid and therefore cannot be used. he also wishes a Dozen Glass matrasses for the Sand Bath.

I have received 3 Head & 3 Tail ½ Eagle, 3 Head & 3 Tail ¼ Eagle and 3 Head & 3 Tail Gold Dollar Dies — and have caused to be destroyed 3 Head & 4 Tail ½ Eagle, 3 Head & 2 Tail ¼ Eagle and 2 Head & 2 Tail Gold Dollar Dies — 2 Tail Gold Dollar Dies were sent from this Branch to the Branch in Georgia early in the year, the Dies having the mark of that Branch upon them. — The Coiner has now in his possession 9 ½ Eagle Tail & 3 Head, 9 ¼ Eagle Tail & 3 Head, and Four Gold Dollar Head and 3 tail Dies in all 31 Dies — and begs me to remark that he will not want any more tail Dies for some time to come —

Yours very respectfully
Jas. W. Osborne
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

J. W. Osborne, Supt
Charlotte

Rec'd. 10 1 Mar. 1858

March 1857

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
March 5 1851.

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

You will please deposite with the Treasurer of the United States, to the credit of the Ordinary expenses account of the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte North Carolina, the sum of $2.396 20/100 it being the balance of proceeds of Silver Bullion, sent from the Branch Mint to the Mint at Philadelphia to be coined - a duplicate certificate of which you will please transmit to this Office -

Very respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

From,

E. Whittlesey

Comptroller

War Department

Rec'd. 6 5 Mar 57

Branch mint, ~~N. Orleans~~ Charlotte, N. C

1851 To James McFetridge Dr.

Mar. 29 For carting a box to wharf ——— $1.50

Received pay't 29 Mar. '51

James McFetridge

Mint of the United States

18 Mar. 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the results of some further experiments which I have caused to be made, by the parting process of Mr. McCulloh, with a special view to determine whether any unusual loss is incurred thereby.

As a preliminary operation to the process of parting silver from gold bullion with which it may be mixed, it is necessary that shall be

Pol

Sup't at Charlotte

18 Mar 1851.

a/c Sent

Mint of the United States,
18 Mar. 1851.

Sir,

Your report for February, together with the statement of dies received & destroyed, have been received.

The request for pure acid has been attended to.

Very respy your obdt Servt
R. M. Patterson,
Director

J. W. Osborne, Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

To
Supt at Charlotte

25th Mar. 1857.—

Mint of the United States
Philada 28 Jan 1837.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 26th, in reference to other matters from yours, & also in relation to the amount awarded here for coinage.

I think you will find it necessary in order to carry out the instructions of the department relative to silver coinage to have annually made for this institution such apparatus as may from time to time be required in your opinion, & as might, at some future time, be justified & made special subject. It is for this & the last year the practice at this Mint to have the gross silver bullion coinage a trial process of about 1000 oz each in ascertaining the gain or charge which is justified in reporting the silver at the different dates of each the fineness of the gross. your opinion will determine whether in your opinion a relation of this kind may be adopted or not.

In accounting for silver bullion we pursue the following method of accounting.

We charge the Melter & Refiner with the standard weight of the silver therein contained, whether it be for that which is allowed to the depositor (as mentioned in your letter of the 26th) or whether it be for the standard.

his ap of Silver Dr. To Silver Bullion deposited for Coinage. You must of course credit the Mint Ac. with the Silver used as alloy, and (where parting is done for the benefit of the depositor) a corresponding charge for alloy must be made to the depositor. The Silver thus in the Mint is, as to a part of it, due to depositors, subject to deductions for parting & alloy, the remainder accrues to the benefit of the Mint, subject to the credit for alloy. The Silver thus parted for the benefit of the Mint passes to the Profit & Loss ap by the entry Silver Bullion deposited for Coinage Dr. to Profit & Loss. The Silver alloy credit is entered as Profit & Loss Dr. to Mint Ac. his ap of Silver.

Having indicated our course of procedure relative to Silver parted you will consider how far your method of accounting will have to be varied to admit of its introduction with you, conformably to the instructions referred to. I do not know whether you have any such accounts as Silver Bullion deposited for Coinage or Mint Ac. his ap of Silver, although I think it improbable.

Of course you will be obliged, as heretofore, to realize the Silver parted by transmitting it for Coinage at the Mint.

It is evident that, inasmuch as by the requisite credits & debits above indicated nothing is wrongly charged to the Mint Ac., there will be no [illegible] in the [illegible], any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

present, to defray wastage from the Ordinary account. The items to credit of Profit & Loss will probably suffice.

The amount heretofore remitted by you for arriage, less a draft before paid of $800, was, on the 8th unit, deposited in the Treasury of the U.S., pursuant to instructions from the Comptroller. It is, therefore, no longer in my possession.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt.
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Jas. M. Osborne, Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

P.S. I will thank you, hereafter, to enter the sources from which your deposites are derived, as far as you can ascertain them, and report the aggregate amounts monthly, & also in a summary statement of deposits & arriage which you will present at the close of each year.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 1 April 1851

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month of March just passed, and the assay coins reserved for the Annual Assay 12 1/4 Eagles = $30. and 4 Gold Dollars $4. in all $34.00.

I have just received your letter of 25 ult. relative to the Silver Bullion and will reply to it at length in the course of a day or so. Is the statement at the bottom of the Gold Bullion report, in the form you wish me hereafter to adopt for monthly Reports, or shall I as heretofore and as in the accompanying Report give the Deposites in detail with the sources from which they are received?

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
James M. Osborne Supt.
by M. B. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Jas. co. Osborne, Esq

Charlotte, N.C.

Rec'd 8th 1 Apr. 51

April 1851

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 29 April 1857

Sir

The Melter & Refiner requests that 18 Carboys of nitric acid be forwarded as soon as possible, as he is almost out of it.

If you cannot send the whole amount at once, be pleased to forward six of them with as little delay as possible, as we received quite a large amount of Gold within the last few days, nearly all of which will require parting before being fit for use. the other 12 carboys may be sent as soon as you can procure them, but we are absolutely in want of at least 6 to carry on our operations.

It will be a few days after the expiration of the month before I shall be able to forward the Monthly Report, as we have nearly 90 assays to make.

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
James M. Osborne Supt.
by M. E. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Supt at Charlotte

Recd May 6.—

29 Apr. 51

May 1851

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 3d May 1851

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month of April last.

I beg to be excused for calling your attention to my letter of the 29th Ulto in regard to the speedy shipment of some acid as we have now but a sufficiency for one days work in the Refinery after which, and a large Coinage which will be immediately prepared and Coined, unless the acid should arrive we will be somewhat at a stand still.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James M. Osborne Supt.
by W. F. Strange Clerk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Supt. B. M
Charlotte
3 May 1851

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Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
May 14. 1851.

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

There have accumulated in the Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina, five thousand, nine hundred twenty three, and six hundred eighty nine thousandths ounces of Silver Bullion.

It is manifest from the limited extent of operations there, that this amount of Silver Bullion is disproportionate to the wants of that branch. But it is desirable to avail ourselves of your knowledge on these subjects, to ascertain the amount which should remain there.

Will you be pleased also to inform me whether a transfer for the purpose of being coined, to the Mint at Philadelphia of any surplus balance of Bullion would not be desirable.

Very respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

From,

E. Whittlesey,

Comptr.

Washington

Rec'd. 15 14 May 51

Statement of the business of the Mint, in coins & bullion, during the week ending May 24th 1851.

Coinage Account

Balance in the Treasury 17 May 1851.		$ 639,488.13
Coins received during the week ending 24th		
Double Eagles, 66,851 pieces – Value	$ 1,337,020	
Gold Dollars 178,150 " "	178,150	$ 1,515,170.00
		$ 2,154,658.13
Deduct payments of deposites	$ 735,375.92	
" Assay coins reserved	990.00	736,365.92
Difference, being the Balance in the Treasury, in cash & in vouchers for 3 cent coins sent to Government Officers, not yet paid for		1,418,292.21

Bullion Account

Outstanding deposits, assayed payable, but uncalled for { Gold / Silver }

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Sup. at Charlotte

15 May 1857.

Mint of the United States
15 May 1851.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your reports of deposits & coinage for March & April, together with Nancy Coins received in the former month.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has addressed me a letter asking whether the amount of silver in your Mint (nearly 6000 oz) is necessary for your operations. In my reply I state that I shall refer to you for more definite details as to the amount required, but mention the use of this metal as material in the refinery, as probably justifying the retention of it at your Mint.

The order for acid was duly received and three carboys sent at once. The balance has since been forwarded.

It will be sufficient to give me a statement of the sources of your deposits at the close of the year, instead of monthly.

Very respectfully &c.

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Jas. W. Osborne, Supt.
Charlotte, N.C.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31st. May 1851

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month just ended and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay, 8 1/2 Eagles = $40. + 8 5. Dolls = $8. in all $48.

Upon consultation with the M.r Refiner in relation to the quantity of Silver necessary for his operations in the Refinery, he does not think that any of it can be spared at this time with advantage to the operations of the Mint. We may be able to spare 1.000 or 1.500 Ozs of it later in the Half, but to part with it at this time, would very much impede his operations. He begs me to renew my requisitions of the 4th. Inst. last for 8 Glass Mattrasses for the Refinery, as all he has, are now in use, and should any accident happen to them, he would be seriously inconvenienced for want of them.

The pure acid for the Assayer, and 3 carboys for the Refinery have been received.

Very respectfully
Your Obl. Servt
James W. Osborne
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

J. W. Osborne, Sup

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd. June 6th. 31 May 1851.

N. 20 x [illegible]

order sent to Muggy & Murrow 6 June 51

3,894.93
1,105.07

JUNE. 12 – 1851

Mint of the United States
Philada June 12, 1857.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 31st ult: and the returned coins of May.

The Matrasses which you ask for have been ordered from Boston. I was of the impression they had been sent long ago, but not finding any bill or bill of lading for them, it is likely the order was overlooked.

Enclosed is my account for the quarter ending 31st ult: with the accompanying vouchers.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Chas. W. Osborne, Esq.
Supt. Charlotte N.C.

Your views as to the amount of silver required by you have been communicated to the Compt. &c.

Dr R M Patterson Charlotte June 21 1837

Dear Sir

You are aware that the months of August and September are that period of the year when this community suffers most from the bilious affections incident to this latitude. This condition of things has induced an abandonment of deposits by Mines almost entirely — during the time to which I have referred. Under this view of the subject a suspension of the operations of the mint for two months or six weeks has for three or four years passed been permitted by yourself with the approbation of the secretary of the Treasury. No public inconvenience and no public dissatisfaction have resulted from this course heretofore and I would respectfully ask permission to suspend the labours of the mint for the same length of time — during the present year. I have the Honor

to be Respectfully & Your obt Servt

James W Osborne

From,

S. W. Osborne Sup.
Charlotte

Rec'd. 28th 21 June 1851

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 7 July 1851.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report for June, together with the package of assay [illegible] during the same month.

Your request for a suspension during the sickly season has been referred to the Department, but no answer has yet been received by me.

My respy. yours obedt. servt.

Geo. N. Eckert
Superintendent.

Wm. Osborne, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Chas. Ville, N.C.

Supt Charlotte

7 July '51

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 1 July 1851

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of June just ended, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8½ Eagles = $40.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne Supt.
by M. E. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

James W. Osborne, Sup

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd 7 1 July 1851

July 1851

Treasury Department
July 9. 1851.

Sir

Your letter of the 7th has been received. It has been the practice, for several years, to discontinue the operations of the Branch Mint at Charlotte during the Months of August and September and, provided no inconvenience, will, in your opinion be caused by such discontinuance, you will be pleased to give the necessary authority to suspend the operations as asked by the Superintendent.

I am very Respt.

W. L. Hodge

Acting Sec. Treasury.

Dr. G. W. Eckert.
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From.

Secy of Treasury

9 July 1851.

Recd 11th

July

1851

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 31st July 1851

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month just ended, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay - 8 1/2 Eagles = $ 80. 00.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James M. Osborne Supt.
by M. L. Strange Clk.

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

J. W. Osborne

Charlotte N.C

Rec'd. 8 Aug. 31 July 1861

August - 1861

Mint of the United States

Philada 11 July 1851.

Sir,

By authority from the department you are authorised to suspend the operations at your Mint during the sickly season, namely for the months of August & September.

Very respectfully
your obdt Servt

R. M. Patterson

Director.

James W. Osborne, Esq
Supt Branch Mint,
Charlotte N.C.

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Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.

Charlotte

11 July 1807.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 14th August 1851

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the first half of the Month of August, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay, 4½ Eagles = $20.00.

In accordance with the permission granted by the Secretary of the Treasury, I have suspended operations in this Mint from today till 1st October next.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
James W. Osborne Supt.
by W. J. Strange Clk

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Supreat Charlotte

Rec'd 20 14 Aug. 51

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 19 Aug. 1851.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report for July, together with the package of Assay Coins reserved during the same month.

Very resp^y Y^r ob^d Servt

G N Eckert
Director

Jas. W. Osborne Esq
Sup. B. M.
Charlotte N. C.

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Jas. W. Osborne, Supp
Charlotte N.C

19 Aug. 1851.

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Statement of the value of Gold Bullion and of the sources whence received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the first three Quarters of the year 1851

1851	Gold Bullion North Carolina	Gold Bullion South Carolina	Gold Bullion California	Total value Dolls. cts.	Gold Coinage ½ Eagles. No of Pieces	¼ Eagles No of Pieces	Gold Dollars No of Pieces	Value Dolls. cts.
January	4.162.90			4.162.90			17.407.	17.407.
February	2.539.33	972.93	2.235.30	5.747.56				
March	37.006.33			37.006.33		14.923.	6.258	43.565.50
April	51.651.61	2.450.80	10.570.08	64.672.49				
May	45.593.30	2.895.47		48.488.77	8.249.		17.602	58.847.
June	13.361.76	5.127.00		18.488.76	10.176.			50.880.
July	24.390.26	6.138.28		30.528.54	6.168			30.840.
August	5.965.37			5.965.37	3.279.			16.395.
	184.670.86	17.584.48	12.805.38	215.060.72	27.872	14.923.	41.267.	217.934.50.

Aug 31-1851.

To

Supt. at Charlotte

11 Sept. 1857.

Mint of the United States
Phil^a 11 Sept. 1857.

Sir,

I enclose, herewith, my account & that of my predecessor, covering the expenses incurred for your Mint during the past quarter.

Your report & coins for August were duly received

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
G N Eckert.
Director

James W. Osborne Esq
Supt Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.

To

Superintendent at

Charlotte

4 Oct. 1851.

4 October 1851

Mint of the United States
Philada 4 Oct. 1851.

Sir,

A statement which has been asked for by the Department makes it necessary for me to be informed of the sources whence the bullion deposited with you during the present year has been derived, & I will thank you to forward me with as little delay as possible a return with these details. Perhaps a complete statement embracing deposits & assays, such as was forwarded by you Oct. 31, 1850 would be most useful.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt

G. N. Eckert
Director

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Charlotte N.C.

In future please state the sources of your deposits at the foot of the monthly reports.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. C. 1 Novem. 1851

Sir

As this is about the usual time for forwarding the annual estimates of the expenses of this Branch Mint, I respectfully submit the following as an estimate of our expenses for the fiscal year 1852-53

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk	$6.000.
" Wages of Workmen & Watchmen	4.100.
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses, including fuel, materials, stationary, repairs, & Wastage of Gold	1.500.
	$11.600.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne
Superintendent

Dr George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq

Charlotte N.C

1 Nov. 1857

Recd 7th

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 1 Novem.r 1851

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of October just past, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 4½ Eagles = $20.

The Coiner requests that 100 lbs of fine copper may be forwarded as early as convenient.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
James Ul. Osborne Supt.
by Ul. F. Strange Clk

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Jas. M. Osborne Esqr

Charlotte N. C

1 Nov. 1857

Recd 7th

December 1857

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 8th Novem.r 1851.

Sir

Your letter of 31 Oct.r was only received last night, and I hasten to comply with your request in forwarding "a statement of the Assayer of this Mint as to the usual range of Gold Ingots refused by him" and enclosing 4 pieces "of our Gold Coins taken from as many different melts or deliveries of this year" (which was all that I had) viz.t 2 ½ Eagles of Melts 13 & 16. 1 ¼ Eagle Melt No.4 and 1 Gold Dollar Melt No.10. Value $13.50.

On the 1st Inst I transmitted a Report of the operations of this Branch for October and enclosed an estimate of the expenses of this Mint for the fiscal year 1852-53.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your Ob.t Serv.t
James W. Osborne
Superintendent

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From Jas. W. Osborne,

Supt Bks

Charlotte N.C

Recd 14 8 Nov. 1867

Assayers Office U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 8th Novr 1851

J. W. Osborne Esqr.
Sir

In answer to a request from the Director of the Mint requiring a statement of the usual range of Gold Ingots passed by me, I enclose a statement of 17 Assays of Ingots made during this year, the average of which proves the whole Coinage to be .899.9 fine

By reference to the annual assays of preceding years the accuracy and closeness of the assays to the legal standard will readily be ascertained.

If it is desireable that less limit should be taken than that by the present law — the Assayer would willingly dispense with the present extended range.

Very respectfully
(signed) J. H. Gibbon

Assays of Standard Ingots for 1851

Jany	12.	No. 1.	900
	24	2.	900
Feby	28	3.	900
March	12	4.	901
	17	5.	900. 5
	21	6	899
April	26	7.	899 5
May	7	8	900
	13	9.	900
	19	10.	900
June	12	11.	900
	18	12.	899
	30	13.	899
July	22	14.	900
Augt.	1	15	899. 5
October	15	16.	901
Novemr.	5	17	900.

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 16th Oct. 1851

Sir

According to your request, I have the honor of forwarding a statement of the amount of Gold Bullion, and of the sources whence received, at this Mint, during the first three Quarters of the current year, and the amount of Coinage executed during the same period.

I notice your request to have the sources whence the Bullion is received stated in the Monthly Reports, and will attend to it hereafter.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James M. Osborne Supt.
by M. F. Strange Clk

Dr. G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Supt at Charlotte NC.

16 Octr 1851

Recd 22

Tol Sup at Charlotte

22 Nov. 1856.

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a 22 Nov. 1851.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communications of the 1st & 8th insts, [illegible] of the [illegible] and other coins forwarded.

Your order for copper will be attended to.

Very respectfully
your obd't serv't
Robert Patterson
for the Director

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq
Sup't B. M.

At the close of the year please forward a statement of the whole deposits & coinage, distinguishing the sources of the bullion.

Statement of the value of Gold Bullion, with the sources whence received, and of Gold Coinage executed, at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the year 1851.

	Gold Bullion whence received						Total Amount		Gold Coinage	½ Eagles	¼ Eagles	Gold Dollars	Total Value	
	North Carolina		South Carolina		California		Dolls.	cts.		No. of pieces	No. of pieces	No. of pieces	Dolls.	cts.
1851														
January	4.162.	90.					4.162.	90				17.407.	17.407.	
February	2.539.	33.	972.	93	2.235.	30	5.747.	56						
March	37.006.	33.					37.006.	33.			14.923.	6.258.	43.565.	50
April	51.651.	61	2.450.	80	10.570.	08	64.672.	49.		18.				
May	45.593.	30	2.895.	47			48.488.	76		8.249.		17.602.	58.847.	
June	13.361.	76	5.127.	00			18.488.	77		10.176.			50.880.	
July	24.390.	26	6.138.	28			30.528.	54		6.168			30.840.	
August	5.965.	37					5.965.	37		3.279			16.395.	
October	30.037.	37.	5.083.	15.	2.305.	33.	37.425.	85		5.027.			25.135.	
November	46.586.	19	2.328.	92			48.915.	11		9.448			47.240.	
December	14.177.	62	481.	25			14.658.	87		6.829.			34.145.	
	275.472.	04	25.477.	80	15.110.	71	316.060.	55.		49.176.	14.923.	41.267.	324.457.	50.
									Coins reserved for the Annual Assay and sent periodically during the Year, to the Mint at Philadelphia					
									Coinages No. 1. 2. & 3.			12.	12.	
									4. 5. & 6.		12.		36.	
									7 & 10			8.	8.	
									8 & 9	8.			40.	
									11. & 12.	8.			40.	
									13 & 14	8.			40.	
									15 & 16.	8.			40.	
									17. & 18.	8.			40.	
									19 & 20	8.			40.	
										48.	12.	20.	290.	

Dec 31 - 1851,

Dec 31, 1851.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of December 1851

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions			Gold Coinage Denomination		½ Eagles No of pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
									1851					
Amalgam	15.	80	16.	343.	304.	05.	304.	05	December	Half Eagles	No 19.	3.178.	15.890.	
Bar	15.	30	15.	673.	291.	60	291.	60		Do	20.	3.651.	18.255.	
Amalgam	4.	22	4.	430	82.	42	82.	42						
Bars	135.	67	139.	063.	2.587.	22	2.587.	22						
Amalgam	28.	05	25.	867	481.	25	481.	25						
Bar	28.	15	21.	362	397.	43.	393.	10						
Amalgam	9.	00	8.	860	164.	84	164.	84						
Do	317.	91	324.	604	6.039.	14.	6.039.	14						
Do	19.	05	18.	668	347.	31	347.	31						
Bar	12.	83.	13.	043.	242.	66.	242.	66						
Do	8.	03.	8.	270.	153.	86	153.	86						
Amalgam	30.	03.	28.	858	536.	90	536.	90						
Bars	9.	22	9.	034	168.	07	168.	07						
Amalgam	41.	63.	43.	572	810.	64	810.	64						
Do	52.	35	51.	270	953.	86	953.	86						
Do	7.	67	7.	967	148.	22	148.	22						
Bars	18.	95	20.	064	373.	28	373.	28						
Do	16.	59	17.	067	317.	52	317.	52						
Do	13.	51	13.	900	258.	60	258.	60						
	783.	96	787.	915.	14.658.	87	14.654.	54				1.829.	34.145.	

Sources whence received

North Carolina	755.	91.	762.	048	14.177.	62.	14.173.	29
South Carolina	28.	05.	25.	867.	481.	25.	481.	25
	783.	96.	787.	915.	14.658.	87	14.654.	54

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 2d Decem.r 1851

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of November last, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 8½ Eagles = $ 80.00.

The M.t Refiner requests that 8 Carboys of nitric acid for the Refinery be forwarded at an early day =

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
James W. Osborne Supt.
by W. J. Strange Clk

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Jas. W. Osborne Esq

Charlotte N. C.

2 Dec. 1851

Rec'd. 8

December 1851

Charlotte, N.C. – 1852

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 3d Jany 1852.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of December just ended, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8 ½ Eagles = $ 84.

I also enclose you a statement of the receipt of Gold Bullion and Gold Coinage executed during the year 1851, and had we been able to have assays of several deposites which were presented, the amount received this year would not have varied more than 2 or 300 Dollars from that of last year — but which I have been obliged to transfer to the accounts of this years. This has occured in consequence of the sickness of the Assist. to the Assayer for the last 8 or 10 days — The Assayer declined to make the Assays during the absence of his regular Assist., alledging that there were no hands in the Mint who were competent to give him assistance in his department.

In an official correspondence on this subject, which has taken place between us, the Assayer remarks, "I have no wish nor interest to delay Deposites but I feel a natural and proper hesitancy to undertake assays, for which I alone am responsible, without competent aid." It is proper for me to remark that there are three workmen at the Mint, one of whom could have been detailed to the assistance of the Assay Department, whether however they are competent to give such aid as the Assayer has a right to require I do not undertake to determine. The Assistant Assayer is now convalescent and it is probable that the delay will not be of long continuance —

I have received 9 boxes of Dies for which I will give a detailed acknowledgement when I inform you of the defacement of those of the present year.

I am very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
James W. Osborne

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director

From

Jas. W. Osborne, Supp

Charlotte N.C

3 Jany 1852

Rec'd 12

January 1852

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1852

Mint of the United States
Philad^a. 14 Jany 1852

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your communications of the 2^d. ult. & 3^d. inst, with the enclosures.

The acid asked for you has doubtless already been received at the Mint.

The statement that the Assayer had declined to make assays, in consequence of the sickness of the workman in his department, excited my surprise. It is to be hoped that, in case of the happening of such a contingency hereafter, the Assayer will have some workman detailed for his assistance from another department of the Mint, rather than subject the Depositors to delay.

Very respectfully
your obd't Servt

Geo N Eckert
Director

Jas. W. Osborne Esq, Supt.
Branch Mint,
Charlotte N.C.

By
Sup. at Charlotte

15 Jany 1852

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 31 January 1852

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month just ended, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay - 4 Gold Dollars, = $4.00.

The Acid and Copper only arrived Yesterday.

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of 3 Head and 3 Tail ½ Eagle Dies 3 Head & 3 Tail ¼ Eagle Dies, 3 Head and 3 Tail Gold Dollar Dies in all 18 Dies - and have caused to be defaced 3 Heads & 4 Tails ½ Eagle, 3 Heads & 3 Tails ¼ Eagle and 1 Head and 3 Tails Gold Dollar Dies in all 17; leaving in possession of the Coiner for the service of the current year, 32 Dies - viz. 8 ½ Eagle Tail, 3 ½ Eagle Head 9 ¼ Eagle Tail, 3 ¼ Eagle Head, 3 Gold Dollar Tail and 6 Gold Dollar Head.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
James W. Osborn
Sup.t

Dr. G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Jas. W. Osborne Supt

Charlotte

31 January 1852

Recd Feb. 9th.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 16th Feby 1852

Sir

I observed with some surprize a recommendation from the Secretary of the Treasury in his Annual Report, to abolish the Coining Department of this Institution, and to substitute for it an Assay Office. This proposition seems to be founded on the assumption that the deposites of Bullion in the Branch Mints are gradually diminishing and that no ~~further~~ advantage is secured by the present establishment. Allow me respectfully to present some considerations which I think go to show that the purposed change is inexpedient.

In the first place it is an error to say that the deposites, at least at this place are gradually diminishing. It is true that the business of Mining undergoes some fluctuations, and the importance of the business can only be ascertained by taking a term of years. By adopting this course it will be seen that the Coinage of this Institution for the first seven years of its existence amounted to One Million One Hundred Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Five ($1.100.245) being an average per annum of One Hundred and Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Nine Dollars ($157.199) while for the last five years it has been One Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Nine Dollars ($1.953.689) being an average of Three Hundred and Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven ($390.737) Dollars.

It is true that the deposites during the last year only reached Three Hundred and Sixteen Thousand and Sixty $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars ($316.060.56.) but this was owing to the peculiar circumstances of our State - a great Rail Road enterprize was undertaken, and many Contractors were Gold Miners, whose hands were withdrawn temporarily from the business of mining - but with this disadvantage the business promises to be more extensive than at any former period. The deposites of the first six weeks of

the current year amounting to nearly $75.000. Allow me to add as an additional reason for the reduction of Bullion during the past year that our staple Cotton bore a large price at the planting season, and of course caused a withdrawal of a portion of the capital employed in Gold Mining from that business. When this Institution was established, it was designed as an auxiliary to a pursuit then in its infancy, which promised to be of importance to the State of North Carolina, and to the Country at large: while it cannot be denied that our Gold Mines bear no proportion to the fertility of the newly discovered mineral region of California, yet the policy has proved itself useful, and fully justified the wisdom and liberality in which it originated. This Institution receives little gold from any quarter except the gold region of North & South Carolina adjacent to it. Yet in twelve years the Gold obtained in these States has increased more than One Hundred fold. New discoveries are made every few weeks, and the Gold region is now more extensive, and more capital is employed than at any other period. This recommendation comes most inauspiciously for the State of North Carolina, as she has instituted a geological survey of the entire State, the object of which is to develope her mineral resources — that there will be still greater developements in the extensive region in which gold is now found.

This Area, I think, is not generally understood out of the State. It embraces a territory not less than three hundred miles in length from East to West, and two hundred miles from North to South — This Institution is located nearly about the centre of the mining Country in a Village which is in a thriving condition — the terminus of two Rail Roads and two plank Roads, so that it is made easily accessible from any point, and the conveniences of the Public are therefore more likely to be secured than at any former period.

But will an Assay Office without Coinage answer the wants of the mining business of this region? From my observations, and information on the subject obtained from many sources, I answer that it will not, and that so far as the public is concerned, if the Coining Department is abandoned, it would be better to give up the Institution altogether. The exigencies of the Mining business require that the products of mines should be converted into money as soon as possible, in order

to enable the Miner to carry on his operations, which ordinarily sustain themselves and leave a surplus of profit to the Labourer. He needs generally an assay in the beginning of the enterprize to determine the value of the gold obtained from his vein. This once understood it may be ~~ascertained~~ assumed with great general accuracy, that the value of the gold will continue uniform so long as the same vein is worked — How many, indeed a large majority of the veins operated on have been explored fully and for a considerable period, and the value of the Gold obtained from them well understood. Such Miners will not patronize an Assay Office, but the gold will be disposed of to the first Broker or Bank which may be convenient, and such a discount will be exacted as the necessities of the Parties may require. The advantage of an Assay Office here, will not not justify the expenditure which it will incur, and I respectfully believe it would be inexpedient to establish it independently of the Coinage. The expense of such an establishment will cost at least one half of the present appropriation for the Mint, with I conceive no consideration of public convenience to authorize it.

I have thought it proper to present this subject to your attention, as your position gives you much just influence in regard to an Institution which received the favor of your Predecessor, and is eminently useful to a State which asks and receives less from the bounty of the General Government than any State in the Union. The People of the Western part of the State all of whom are directly or indirectly interested in her mining operations regard with much anxiety the measure which proposes to abolish this Institution, and it will be regarded at this time a peculiar and unnecessary hardship and injustice

Respectfully & truly
Your Obt. Servt
James W Osborne

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
A. W. Osborne, Supt
Charlotte N.C.
Recd 16 Feby 1852
23 Feb. 52

Mint of the United States
Philada. 19 Feb. 1852

Sir,

At the annual assay, held by adjournment on the 16th inst, your coins were reported at Mr 899.8, a very satisfactory return. The coins weighed the exact standard.

Very respectfully
your obdt Servt

Geo W Eckert
Director

L. W. Osborne Esq. Supt.

No 1

Dupit at Charlotte

19 Feb 1852

Mint of the United States
Philada 26 Feb. 1852.

Sir,

I have received a communication from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, Charlotte N.C, of which I enclose a copy. It relates to the proposed suppression of that establishment, and the substitution of an Assay Office. Whatever force there may be in the arguments & statements of Mr. Ashmead, they appear more properly fitted for the consideration of the Department than of myself, & I accordingly have thought proper to forward the copy enclosed.

very respectfully
your obdt Servt

Geo N. Eckert
Director

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 28th February 1852.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month just ended.

The Assayer requires Fine Silver from time to time for the purposes of his Department, which in the form of Nitrate is afterwards transferred by him to the Refinery. In what manner ought an entry to be made in my Books of the delivery of this Silver? or is there a necessity to make any?

The Melter & Refiner requests that a cask of Sand crucibles be forwarded at an early day.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne Supt.
by W. H. Strange Clk

Dr. G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Supt at Charlotte N.C
28 Feby 1852

Recd
5 Mar 52

March 1852

Mint of the United States.
Philada 10 Mar. 1852

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 16th & 28th ult: with accompanying report.

A copy of your reasons adverse to the proposed depression of your Mint was sent by me to the Secretary of the Treasury. I should recommend you, Sumner, to furnish copies to your Senators & Representatives who would be naturally inclined to make use of it, and are in a favorable position to do so. I have no idea what action on the matter is probable in Congress.

Unless the M. & R. objects to furnishing pure silver to the Assayer it is perhaps more convenient that it should remain, as at present, an unofficial transaction, the M. & R. being not regularly discharged & charged as you suggest. Strictly speaking the Assayer is entitled to be furnished with silver for his operations from the Ordinary Fund, just as he is furnished with coal, acid & other materials. In this case he should be charged with the sum & account for the same. Until lately all the silver (used for assaying) at this Mint belonged, legally, to the M. & R. Since deposit nothing has been vested in the Assayer

the means are derived from that source. It is always the custom with the Assayer to reduce the silver in solution to metallic form in his own office.

Crucibles will be sent to you as you have requested.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servant

Director

Jas. C. Osborne Esq Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

Enclosed is my account for the past quarter

To

Supt at Charlotte

16 Mar. 1852

Recd Ap. 12

U.S. Branch Mint.
Charlotte North Carolina
30 March 1882

Sir—

For the first time - I was informed - this morning - of a correspondence upon the subject of a very temporary delay of apays - at the termination of the last year.
At my request your answer of the 15 Jany. and the Superintendents letter of the 3d Jany. have been placed in my hands
Near the end of the year - my very competent assistant - Mr. Torres - was found by me - unable to leave his bed - in consequence of a severe attack of rheumatism - which deprived him of the use of his limbs. Being satisfied that I must be unjustly deprived of his services for some days I immediately advised the Clerk of the Mint - acting in the absence of the Superintendent - as Treasurer - of the fact - and recommended - in order to prevent any embarrassment in the settlement of his accounts - at the end of the year - that he should date the receipts - for the few deposits which were made - as of the New Year - A measure which had frequently been resorted to - at the end of Months - and quarters - of the year.
In the mean while - in order - to expedite purifying depositors - who might need money - at the close of the year. I arranged with private friends - Mr. H. R. Williams - to advance money to any such depositor - and to settle with them at the Mint apays - without charge of any kind.

This was intended for the convenience of small miners in the neighbourhood — usually the only ones who brought in gold — at that season.

I never heard from — or saw the Superintendent — about this affair — till New Years day — ~~which~~ this being a legal Mint holiday — and the general hiring day — of servants — in this country — I did not go to the Mint — although in the town. About 10 o'clock in the Morning — Mr Osborne went — and asked me — "if it was not possible to make an assay — for a "Mr Briggs" — whom he described as — "a troublesome man — "making a noise — at the Mint — about the delay of "his assay."

I told Mr Osborne it was impossible — with Mr Terns aid — whom I had just left — still in his bed — That I had separately addressed myself — to each one of the other three workmen — engaged at the Mint — who all expressed an indisposition to assist in my room — because they were not accustomed to the duties there — on which account also — I did not press them to act. But ~~I also~~ suggested — which — I may regret was not also mentioned by the Superintendent — that — if Mr Terns continued unable to aid me — to the inconvenience of depositors — or to the operations of the Mint — I would name to him a person — a respectable watch-maker silversmith — accustomed to fine work — & would instruct him in the details of my appartment — as I believed he would prove a willing & serviceable person to me and to the Mint — Subsequent to this conversation — which appeared satisfactory — I viewed a communication written that morning — and answered it as related — In few days Mr Terns was about.

I find by my book of Assays - that on the 5th of January - all the deposits which came in during his illness - were assayed. I am not aware that any one - was inconvenient - except probably - Mr. Briggs - in imagination - for he procured an immediate advance - from my friend Mr. Williams. Mr. Osborne's letter to you - was dated on Saturday - 3d Jany - on the subsequent Monday - 5 Jany - the whole of the deposits were disposed of by me.

The only one of the Men. in the Mint - who has the slightest degree of competency for my room - is maimed in the thumb of his right hand - Mr. Higler - a very worthy man - is the Coiner's foreman - but certainly not the assistant I would select. I tried him upon a previous occasion of necessity - and he exhibited so much unwillingness & impatience at the operations in my room - I certainly do not wish him there again - and so expressed myself - decidedly - at the time. Mr. Irwin - the melter - an honest - attentive good man - an old sailor - and melter of sweeps - is too absent minded to be suffered in my apportment - I would rather take an ignorant ploughboy! - Besides - Irwin's hand so much shakes - probably from the use of corrosive sublimate - in refining - that he is entirely out of the question - in my service.

The third man - selected without reference to my need - is a plain country blacksmith - an excellent man - in his own department - who I believe would rather resign his place - than attempt to aid me - with assays.

My duties require a competent assistant - and my responsibilities do not authorize - any risks - without.

More delays might be caused by awkwardness & ignorance ~~than by~~ in my apportment - than by the exercise - of a little patience!

I take this occasion to refer to another point which has caused embarrassment — to the Assayer.
Through the instrumentality of a former Superintendant — who wished a private residence — in the Mint — "The room designed for "The Assayers office" — was transferred to "The Coiner" — and The Assayer is confined to a small appartment — at the extreme end of the building — originally designed — and much needed — for a laboratory — for melting leads — refining silver — preparing acids — and other necessary & important matters.
In consequence of this interference — my assistant is obliged to refer to the basement Story — at those times — when it is not used by the Coiners men — & being without fires — is ~~damp~~ very damp — & he is thus exposed to a repetition of the attacks of Rheumatism — to which he is — unfortunately — subject.
The Assayer has no office in which he can receive a depositor with satisfaction — to procure or communicate information — His room is acknowledged the coldest in winter — & the hottest in summer — & cannot be approached — by Strangers — without exposing his working appartment ~~room~~ to indescreet intrusions.
My reading habits — & professional duties require greater conveniences — to which all the officers of the Mint are accustomed — I, respectfully, urge — that my office may be restored to me — and other provision be made for the Coiner.

J. H. Gibbon M.D.
Assayer.

From

Dr. John A. Gibbon

assayer &c.

Charlotte n.C.

Recd 30 Mar 1852

12 Ap. 1852

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 31 March 1852.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month just ended, as also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay, 16½ Eagles = $80.00

The Melter & Refiner requests 12 Carboys nitric, and 2 Carboys of sulphuric acid to be forwarded, and the Assayer requests that One Carboy pure acid for assaying and 2 Dozen glass matrasses for the same purpose be forwarded at as early a day as convenient

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne Supt.
by W. T. Strange Clk

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Sup. at Charlotte
31 Mar. 1852

Recd
8 Ap. 1852

April 1852

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 3d May 1852

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month of April and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay, 1/2 Eagles = $20.00.

In my letter accompanying the Report for the Month of March, I requested that 12 Carboys of nitric acid for the Refinery 2 of sulphuric acid and One of pure nitric acid for assays, and 2 Dozen Glass matrasses for the Assayers Department be forwarded at an early day. I have received no information of the reception of that report or of the Assay Coins $80. or of the shipment of any of the Articles ordered — Be pleased to cause the articles required, to be forwarded as early as possible —

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James W. Osborne Supt.
by W. J. Strange C.M.

Dr. G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Supt. at Charlotte
3 May 1852

Read
10 May 1852

To

Dr Jno. A. Gibbon

Assayer

Charlotte N.C.

10 May 1852

May 1852

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 10 May 1852

Sir,

Your letter of explanation relative to a delay of assays at the close of the past year was duly received, and I owe you an apology for having delayed to acknowledge the same.

Your statements certainly indicate that no especial inconvenience was sustained by the Depositors in which to ground a complaint. Nevertheless I must retain the opinion that the sickness of an assayers workman does not furnish a sufficient reason for a suspension of assays. A more unwillingness on the part of other workmen in the Mint to assist you in such a contingency should not be considered. The authority of the Superintendent could be invoked to direct a workman from one branch of service to another. The subsidiary operations of assaying do not appear to me so indispensably to require skill, that you should be confined to the service of any single workman.

Very respectfully &c
Geo. N. Eckert
Director

Dr. Jno. A. Gibbon.
Assayer &c

To

Dr Jno. H. Gibbon

Lawyer

Charlotte N.B.

10 May 1852

May 1852

Mint of the United States
Philada 10 May 1852

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your reports for April & March, with the Assay Coins

The acids & matrasses requested by you were ordered, & have, I believe, all been sent; the acid certainly. Further inquiry will however be made.

very respectfully
your obdt Servt

Geo N Eckert
Director

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

To

Supt. at Charlotte

10 May 1852

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca 31st May 1852

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month just ended and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay – 8½ Eagles = $40.00

We have received the acids and a Hhd of sand crucibles – the Mattrasses for the Assay Department have not yet come to hand.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne Supt

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Navy

Jas. W. Osborne, Supt.
Charlotte N. C.
31 May 1852

Recd
7 June 1852

June 1852

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 7 June 1852

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report & assay coins for May.

The mattrasses which you refer to as missing were shipped from Boston 22d May to Chambers & White, and have doubtless already reached you.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt

Geo N Eckert
Director

Jas. W. Osborne Esq Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

To/

Dupit at Charlotte

7 June 1852

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 2 July 1852

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of June, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8 1/4 + 4 1/2 Eagles $ 46.00

The Melter & Refiner requests that a Cask of black lead pots Nos 34 + 46. be forwarded at as early a day as convenient.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
James W. Osborne Asst.
by W. J. Strange Clk

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Branch Mint No.

2 July 1852

Recd

July 7/52

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 14th July 1852.

Sir

I found when I entered upon the duties of my present Office, a custom by which the operations of this Mint were suspended during the months of August & September. I feel it my duty to make the application for this privilege for the present year. In doing so I will remark that hitherto it has occasioned no complaint, and operated no detriment to the public service. This locality is subject to the fevers of Southern Climates in greater or less degree of severity, and during that period few or no deposites of Gold are made. At the same time those Officers of the Mint who have Families find it necessary in most instances to remove them to more secure locations, and will be greatly convenienced by being enabled to accompany them. The duration of the suspension will extend from the middle of August to the first of October, should the arrangement meet your approbation.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne
Superintendent

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Superintendent U.S. Mint
at Charlotte N.C
14 July 1852

Rec. 21 July.

Mint of the United States
Philada 16 July 1852

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your report & assay coins for June.

The pots asked for by you have been ordered to be sent from Taunton, Mass.

very respectfully &c

Geo. N. Eckert
Director

Jas. W. Osborne Esq
Sept. &c,
Charlotte NB

By

L. W. Osborne

Charlotte N.B.

16 July 1852

July 1852

Treasury Department
July 21. 1852

Sir

Application has been made to the Department by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte for permission to suspend operations at that establishment from about the Middle of August to the 30th September

This has been the practice for several years You are authorised to give the permission asked for provided you see no objection to that course.

I am very Resp

Wm L Hodge

Acting Sec. Treasury.

Dr. G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philada.

Mint U. States,
Philada July 21. 1842

Sir,

The superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, N. C. has again applied for permission to suspend operations during the sickly season, extending from the middle of August to the 1st of September. It is alledged that hitherto it has occasioned no complaint, and operated no injury to the public service. This being the case I see no objection to granting the request.

You will please advise me upon the subject

Very respectfully Your Obt Servt.

Geo M Eckert
Director

Hon Wm L Hodge
Acting Secy of the Treasury

From

Secy of Treasury

July 21. 1852

Rec'd July 23rd

July, 1852

Mint U. States
Philad^a July 23. 1852

Sir

Your letter of 14th inst having been referred to the Department, permission is granted to suspend operations at your Branch from the Middle of August to the 30th September

Very respectfully
Your Obt. St.

Geo N Eckert
Director

James W Osborne Esq
Superintendent
Br. Mt. Charlotte N.C.

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Supt. at Charlotte

23 July 1852

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. C.a 16th August 1852

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you Reports of the Operations of this Mint for the Months of July and August, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 4½ Eagles = $20.

The delay in the transmission of the Report for July was occasioned by the sickness of the Assayer, who was unable to come to the Mint till the beginning of last week when he assayed all that had been received during his sickness of the last week in July.

There must have been some mistake in sending us mattrasses for the Refinery — Those that I asked for were for the Assay Department. I will therefore thank you to have 2 Dozen Mattrasses for the Assayers Department forwarded at as early a day as convenient. I will also thank you to have prepared and forwarded a Gold Bullion Journal & Ledger

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne Supt.
by W. J. Strango Clk

Dr. G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Supt. at Charlotte
16 Aug 1852

Recd
25 Aug 1852

August 1852

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
Augt 20th 1832

George N Eckert Esq
Director of the
Mint — Phila —

Sir

Will you be pleased to inform me if any balance of the Silver Bullion transferred by the Treasurer of the branch Mint, at Charlotte, North Carolina in 1830, was placed in your hands by Dr R M Patterson, your predecessor? what portion of it has been deposited; and the amount of the balance if any now remaining in your hands —

Very respectfully —
Elisha Whittlesey —
Comptroller

Copy

Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller &c.
Washington

Recd 30 aug 1852

21 aug 52

Mint of the United States
Philad^a. 20 Sept. 1852

Sir,

I enclose herewith my account for the quarter ending 31st ult^o.

Please forward, without delay, a list of the dies you require for 1853; also, at your convenience, your estimates for the next fiscal year.

The assay mattrasses were sent some two weeks since, through Adams & Co. to Chambers & White, Charleston, and I suppose you have received them.

Very respectfully
your obd't Servt

G. N. Eckert

Director

Lad. W. Osborne, Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

For Dept at Charleston

20 Sept 1852

September 1852

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 6th October 1852.

Sir

The Coiner informs me that he will only require 3 Head ½ Eagle, 3 Head ¼ Eagle, and 3 Tail Gold Dollar Dies, as he has a sufficiency of reverse Dies.

As soon as Mr. Osborne returns to Town which will be about the end of the week I will forward an estimate of the expenses of this Branch of the Mint for the next fiscal year.

Be pleased to expedite the transmission of the Gold Bullion Journal & Ledger Asked for in August, as they are both so nearly filled as will barely suffice to do for this Months.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. L. Strange Clerk

Dr. G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.
6 Oct 1852

Recd
14 Oct 52

October 1852

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N. C. 11th October 1852

Sir

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th Ult., I respectfully submit the following estimate of the expenses of this Branch of the Mint for the fiscal year 1853 = 54.

For Salaries of Superintendent, Coiner, Assayer and Clerk	$6.000.
" Wages of Workmen & Watchmen	4.100.
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses, including fuel, materials, stationary, repairs & Wastage	1.500.
	$11.600.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James W. Osborne
Superintendent

Dr. George N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

191,600

Form

Supt. at [redacted]

Charlotte

11 Oct. 1852

Rec'd

18 Oct. 1852

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 19 Oct 1852

Sir,

I enclose a receipt of Adams & Co for Journal & Ledger. The instruction was to deliver to Chambers & White, Charleston, but it would seem that Adams & Co. have undertaken for the whole distance.

The Ledger is ruled so as to hold both Dr & Cr on one page. We have found this the most convenient form for these summary entries.

Your list of dies, and annual summary have been received.

Very respectfully

Geo N Eckert

Director

Jas. W. Osborne, Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

Have any considerable number of your miners left for California: if so can you report whether they, upon the whole consider their labor better rewarded by the change of locality? have any returned home dissatisfied?

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Supt. at Charlotte N.C.

19 Oct 1852

October, 1852

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 3d Novem. 1852

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of October, and a portion of the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 12½ Eagles = $60.00 the balance of the Assay Coins 8½ Eagles = $40. I will transmit by the next mail, as the whole would be too heavy for a letter.

The Assayer requests that a Carboy of Pure nitric acid, and 2 Dozen annealing cupels be forwarded as early as possible.

The Melter & Refiner requests that 12 Carboys of nitric acid for his operations, and a pinion that gears in the rack of the Drawing Bench be forwarded with as little delay as possible, as the one now in the Drawing Bench broke a day or two ago, and has been temporarily repaired. (Mr. George Eckfeldt will understand what is wanted.).

I have received Adams & Co's Receipt for the delivery of the Journal & Ledger, but am afraid they have sent it the wrong way as I had a letter from the Rail Road Agent at Weldon informing me of the arrival of a box for this Mint at that place, and desiring to know how to forward it. Had it been sent to Charleston, it would have come here without difficulty as the Connection between this place and Charleston by Rail Road is now complete. I have advised the Agent to forward it to Charleston, so that I hope it will not be long before it reaches me.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
James W. Osborne Supt
by W. H. Strange Clk

Dr. G. N. Eckfeldt
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Branch Mint,
Charlotte N.C
3 Nov. 1852

Recd
9 Nov. 52

December 1852

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 15 Nov 1852

Sir,

The receipt of your report for October, together with the packages of assay coins reserved, is hereby acknowledged.

The requests for acid & cupels are attended to, and the articles will be immediately forwarded.

With regard to the fineness you are requested to delineate the dimensions, & what is required, on paper, as without some such plan it cannot be known what to send.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Robert Patterson
for the Director

Jas. W. Osborne Esq
Supt of Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.

Branch Mint U States
New Orleans.
November 12th 1852

Treasurer's Weekly
report

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Jas. W. Osborne, Esq
Charlotte N.C.

15 Nov 1852

Philadelphia Nov 20-1852

U S Branch Mint Charlotte

Bot of Nicolas Lenning & Co

12 Carboys Sperting Acid 18.00

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118. 113. 119. 106. 116. 119 =

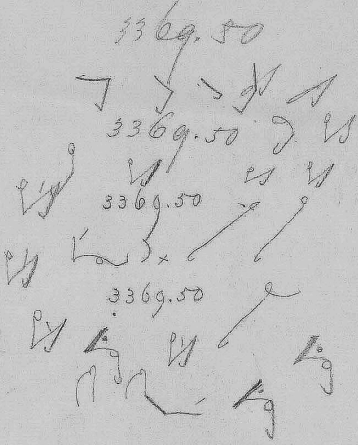
1367 @ 7 1/8¢ 97.40

1 Carboy Pure Nitric Acid 1.50

122 @ 9¢ 10.98

$127.88

3369.50



U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. / December 1852

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of November and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8½ Eagles = $ 40.

The Journal and Ledger have both been received but I regret that I will have to return the Ledger on account of the ruling. I do not object to the Dr & Cr being on one page, but that there is not a sufficiency of Columns for the weight and value as I have always heretofore kept the Books of this Mint. As the Ledger is now ruled I can only enter the weight as there is no corresponding Column for the value.

I send you a form and beg you to have a Ledger ruled after it and transmitted as early as possible; the pencil lines drawn through the Columns for the "Cts and Dolls" I would like to have in blue ink as it assists the eye in the addition.

The Courier will forward a draught of the pinion required for the draw Bench in a day or two.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James W. Ostrum Supt
by W. H. Strange Clk

Dr G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Supt. at Charlotte NC

Dec. 1/1852

Rec'd

8 Dec. 1852

Mint of the United States
Philad^a. 4 Dec 1852

Sir,

I forward by this mail boxes No. 1 & 5 of dies for 1852; the remainder of your supply will be forwarded from day to day.

I have to acknowledge your report & assay coins for October.

At the close of the present year you will please remember to forward a statement of your aggregate coinage & deposits, distinguishing the sources whence the latter were derived. Forward also a list of assay coins remitted each month.

Very respectfully
your obd't Servt

G. N. Eckert
Director

Jas. W. Osborne, Esq.
Supt. of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

To
Supt at Charlotte

4 Dec 1852

December 1852

Gold slips from New Orleans Mint June 9th '52 - 0.173 oz
Do - - Do - July 20th - - 0.167
Do - - Do - Aug 30th - - 0.444
Do - - Do - Nov 8th - - 0.354

Total amt gold from N.O. Br. Mint - - - 1.138 oz

6828
204840
51
2
$21,17 c

Gold slips from Dahlonega Br. Mint June 3/52 - 0.189 oz
Do - Do - July 8th - 0.420

Total Amt Gold from Dahlonega Br. Mint - 0.609 oz

3654
109620
27
1
$11.33 c

Silver from New Orleans Br. Mint July 20th '52 - - 1.146 oz
Do - - Do - Aug 30th - - 1.510
Do - - Do - Nov 8th - - 2.067

Total amt silver from N.O. Br. Mint - - 4.723 oz

4.723
429
343
$5.49 c

21.17
5.49 } $26.65 no
11.33 w
37.98

Total Gold - 1.747 oz - $32.49
" Silver 4.723 - - 5.49
$ 37.98

Assay office
Dec 8/52

Form

Assay Office

8 Dec 52

8 Dec 52

value of assay slips

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1853

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 6 Jany 1853.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of December and the Coins received during that Month for the Annual Assay 8½ Eagles = $40.00.

I also enclose a Statement of the Amount of Gold Bullion with the sources whence received and the Amount of Gold Coinage executed during the year.

I shall try to dispose of the Ledger recently received but if I cannot, I will send very wide for a Ledger for the ordinary expenses &c, Be pleased to expedite the transmission of the one lately ordered.

I receive the instructions of the Comptroller to forward to you $4000 of the Silver accumulations, which will be done immediately, as I am only waiting upon the Mint Refiner to complete its reduction prior to his annual delivery of all his Gold and Silver to settle his a/cs at the end of the year.

I am Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James W. Osborne
Superintendent

Dr George N. Eckart
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Supt. at Charlotte
6 Jan 1853
Read
13 Jan. 1853

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 14 Dec 1852

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report & assay coins for November.

Enclosed is my account with you for the quarter ending 30th Nov.

The new Ledger has been ordered. There must have been some exchange of books, as the Ledger selected certainly had two columns. If you can dispose of it in Charlotte it would be preferable to returning it.

Your dies have all been sent, in five boxes containing 3 half eagle heads, 3 quarter eagle heads, 3 date dollar dies.

Very respectfully
your obdt servt

C. N. Eckert
Director

Jas. W. Osborne Esq Supt
Charlotte N.C.

The Comptroller requests me to communicate to you his instruction to transmit here, by some safe conveyance $4000 of the silver bullion accumulated in your hands, the proceeds to be credited to your ordinary account. This you will please to do, and advise me whether you wish the silver returned or any portion, and if so in what denomination of coins.

To Supt. at Charlotte

14 Dec 1852

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia February 1854

Sir,

In accordance with the Act of 1st March 1853, c 97, I herewith present a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the branch mint at Charlotte, N.C. for the 2d, 3d, & 4th quarters of the last year. Although the law just referred to does not name the branches of the Mint, I have, acting upon the belief that they are embraced in its spirit, instructed the several Superintendents to comply with its terms, by transmitting these quarterly statements to you through me.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
Your faithful servant

James R. Snowden
Director

To
Con. Rose Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

$5,549.82

or 298,303

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To Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing Statements
of expenditures of the
Charlotte Branch Mint
for 2d 3d & 4th Qr 1853,

Feb 2d

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 3d February 1853,

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of January and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay, 4½ Eagles = $20.00.

In my last I ommitted to acknowledge the receipt of the Dies for the present year, 3 Half Eagle Head, 3 Quarter Eagle Head and 3 Tail or date Gold Dollar Dies, 9 in all, which I now do, and beg to inform you that I have caused to be defaced 3 Half Eagle Head, 3 Quarter Eagle Head, 3 Tail or date Gold Dollar, 1 tail Half Eagle, and 1 Head Gold Dollar Dies, in all 11 Dies defaced or destroyed, leaving in possession of the Coiner 30 Dies of the various denominations for the service of the current year.

I send to day to your address a box of Silver Containing 3.095.50 Ozs, an Assay Memo: of which I will thank you to send me as soon as assayed, and when Coined $2,000. in Coins of the following denominations $500. in half Dollars, $500 in Quarter Dollars, $500 in Dimes and $500 in ½ Dimes; the balance may await any disposition the Comptroller may see proper to make of it.

I enclose you a Diagram of the pinion required for our Draw bench. The Coiner requests 100 lbs of fine Copper for Coinage alloy and a Copper pan such as is used by your Coiner in cleaning his gold planchets.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt. James W. Osborne Supt.

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.
3 Feb. 1853

Recd
10 Feb. 1853.

Charleston S.C. Feby 12 /53

To
U S Mint
Phila

Dr Sir

We have this shipped a Box Silver Bullion on Board St. Marion for New York care of Messrs Adams & Hawthorn to your address with instructions to for same to you for particulars we refer you to Jams W. Osborne Sup U.S. Br. Mint Charlotte from whom we rec'd it.

Yours Respectfully
Chambers Jeffers & Co

From Chambers, Jeffers & Co
Charleston
12 Feb 1853

Rec'd
16 Feb 53

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 24 Mar 1853

Sir,

From and after the 1st of April a legal deduction from the gross value of deposits of gold must be made, of one half of one percentum, as a charge for coinage. The fund thence derived is not immediately applicable for the Contingent Expenses of the Mint, but is payable into the Treasury of the U.S. Future instructions will be given as to the mode of transfer.

Your report for January with the Assay Coins has been received, but none, as yet, for February.

The orders for Copper alloy & a pan have been filled, and the box is nearly ready for shipment.

Enclosed is a memorandum of your deposit of silver. The money has not been sent, because it was deemed more expedient to wait till the new coinage lately authorised could be remitted for it.

I find you have not been informed of the result of the Annual Assay. Your coins were 899.5, and the might very satisfactory.

Very respectfully yours

Geo N Eckert
Director

Jas. W. Osborne Esq
Supt. Charlotte N.C.

Pf

Jas. W. Osborne, Supt.

Charlotte

24 Mar 1853

OR

24 Mar 1853

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 1st April 1853

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of March.

I was very much surprised to find by your letter of 24th Ult. that my Report for February had not reached you; it contained $44 of Coins reserved for the Annual Assay. Immediately upon receipt of your letter I went to the P.Master here and informed him of the matter who recollected of having mailed it upon the 2d March and who has written to the P.Master of the distributing Office to which it was sent. Should it not reach you within a day or so upon information I will forward a duplicate with Coins of the same Coinages.

Be pleased to forward $2,000 of the Silver in equal portions of 1/2 1/4 Dollars Dimes & 1/2 Dimes as early as will suit your convenience as I am completely out of Silver Coin.

I have drawn upon you at sight for $584.00 the Amt. of Coins reserved for the Annual Assay during the year 1852.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
James W. Osborne Supt.
by W. T. Strange Clk

Dr. G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Supt. at Charlotte
1 April 1853

Recd
Ap. 7/53

April 1853

Charlotte N.C. 4th April 1853,

Sir

Having been appointed Superintendent of the Branch Mint in this place, I have the honor of transmitting according to instructions from the Comptroller of the Treasury my Official Bond for your approval.

I am very respectfully
Your Ob. Serv.
G. McCaldwell

Bondsmen: Wm W. Ellms, Leroy Springs, & Wm F. Phifer; for $10,000

Dr. G. N. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Green W. Caldwell, Supt.

Charlotte N. C.

4 Apr. 1853

Recd

11 Apr 53

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 15 April 1853.

Sir,

The report from your Mint, of the operations of March, was received by my predecessor. I regret, however, to state that the report & assay coins for February are still missing. I will thank you to send a duplicate of the former without delay, and to reserve some coins of February, to be subsequently remitted in case those now missing shall fail to reach the Mint.

I enclose an account & vouchers of Dr. Eckert's account with you up to the resignation of his office to my hands. I have received from him the balance therein stated to be due.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt

J. M. Pettit
Director

Green W. Caldwell, Esq
Superintendent &c
Charlotte N.C.

Your bond has been received, approved, & forwarded to the Department.

To
Supt. at Charlotte

15 apr. 1853

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 20th April 1853,

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a duplicate Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of February and have reserved some Coins of that Months Coinage for the Assay and Assay to await your Order.

I will draw you to forward $2,000 of Silver Coins at your earliest convenience in equal proportions of ½ & ¼ Dollars Dimes & ½ Dimes as I am entirely out of Silver to pay Depositors for the Silver Contained in their Deposites of Gold. The balance of $1.990.98 may await any disposition the Comptroller of the Treasury may make of it, and upon information of any disposition having been made other than remaining to the Credit of this Mint, I will place you in funds to meet any demands against this Mint for articles obtained in your City.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Serv.
G. M. Caldwell
Superintendent

Robt. M. Pettit Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From G. W. Caldwell, Sup
Charlotte
20 apr. 1853

Read
ap. 25/53

U. S. Mint, Philada. 29 Apr. 1853

Gent;

I herewith enclose Adams & Co's receipt for $2000.– in silver, You will please forward the same to the Charlotte Branch Mint, without delay.

very respectfully

R. M. Pettit
Director

Chambers, Jeffers & Co.
Charleston.

To/
Warley & Mc. Cord
Philadr.

20 apr 1853

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To
Chambers, Jeffers & Co
Charleston.

29th April 1853.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca 2d May 1853

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of April, and the Coins reserved for the Annual assay 8½ Eagles & 4 Gold Dollars value $44.—

The Metter & Refiner requests that a cask of black lead pots Nos 16 & 30 about half of each number be sent at your earliest convenience and he hopes they will be better than those sent some time since, he also wishes 12 Carboys nitric acid —

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Pots ord. of Cufner
acid of Lenz } May 10/53

Thomas M. Pettit Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

G. W. Caldwell
Supt Branch Mint
Charlotte, N.C.
May 2/53

Recd
May 7/53

May 1863

Mint of the United States,
Philad.a 11 May 1853

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 2.d inst, enclosing your report for April, & the package of assay Coins received.

The Black lead pots & the acid which you ask for have already been ordered.

I may mention that on the 29.th ult. $2000. in silver were sent by Adams & Co to Chanler, Jeffers & Co of Charleston to be forwarded to you. I hope the box has already been received. The quarters were of new emission, the dimes & half dimes of old emission.

very respectfully
your obd.t servt

J. R. Snowden
Director

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Charlotte, N.C.

To

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Charlotte, N.B.

May 11/53

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 2 June 1853

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of May, and also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay 8½ Eagles = $84.

The $2000. in Silver Coins came safely to hand. In my letter of the 20th April last I mentioned that upon information of any disposition of the balance ($1998.98) of the Silver belonging to this Mint, and now in yours, other than remaining at the credit of this Mint, I would place you in funds to meet any demands against this Mint for articles obtained in your City in order to leave the balance entire and at the disposition of the Comptroller of the Treasury, I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant in your favor for $300. which when received be pleased to acknowledge with the No. and dates of Warrant & Draft, and upon which sub-Treasury the Draft may be drawn.

I am very respectfully
Your Ob. Serv.
G. M. Caldwell
Superintendent

Wm. M. Pettit Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell, Supt
Charlotte N. C.
June 2/53

Recd
9 June 53

June 1863

Treasury Department
June 4th 1853

Sir,

G. W. Caldwell Esq. Superintendt of the U.S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. having, in a letter under date of the 2d inst. requested, that a sum of three hundred Dollars, may be transmitted to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia on account of an appropriation for the contingent expenses &c of that Branch Mint, I will explain to you, the object of a remittance of that amount, which I have, this day directed to be made to you.

Very Respectfully Sir,
Your Obt. Svt.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

James R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Penn.

C.D.

From

Sec. of Treasury

Washington

7 June 1853

Rec'd

June 8/53

Mint of the United States
Philada 7 June 1853

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 2d. instant, with your report for May and the assay coins reserved in that Month.

I have also received the remittance of $300. advised by you, being the proceeds of Treasury Draft No. 4742 on Warrant 9723 It was probably unnecessary for you to forward this sum, as I see no reason to suppose that the balance in my hands, from the proceeds of your silver deposit, will be withdrawn. The Controller, in his letter instructing the silver to be forwarded states that the proceeds are to be credited by you in your Ordinary account; or in other words the fund is available for your ordinary expenses, either here or in Charlotte.

very respectfully

James Pollock
Director.

Green W. Caldwell Esq.
Supt of Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.

At 415 grains to the dollar, 1000 Mexican dollars weigh 97.864.58

" 416 " " " 866.67

Query, what should be the least weight allowed on proposed purchase of Mexican dollars?

P.T.

G. W. Caldwell,
Supt.

Charlotte N. C.

June 9/53

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 1 July 1853

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of June, and the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay H 2 Eagles = $20.

The Report exhibits a very great falling off in the reception of Bullion, which I think may be attributed to the fact of the Mines in this neighbourhood either having really changed Owners, or expecting to do so, and consequently for the present having ceased Operations and it may be that the current month may also exhibit a very small amount of Bullion deposited as it may take the new Companies some time to get fairly under way in their Operations.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. M. Caldwell
Superintendent

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

G. W. Caldwell, Supt.
Charlotte N.C.
July 1/53

Rec'd
July 6/53

July 1853

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 5th July 1853

Sir

I found on entering upon the duties of my present Office a custom obtaining in this Mint of suspending its operations during the sickly season, I have this day made application to the Secretary of Treasury for permission to that effect, and hope it will meet your approbation,

I am very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
G.W. Caldwell
Superintendent

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From G. W. Caldwell
~~Jas. W. Osborne~~, Supt
Charlotte N. C
5 July 1853

Read
July 11/53

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 5th July 1853

Sir

When I entered upon the duties of my present Office I found a custom existing, by which the operations of this Mint were suspended during the Months of August & September, I felt it my duty to make the application for this privilege during the present year. In doing so I will remark that hitherto it has occasioned no complaint so far as I have heard, and operated no detriment to the public service.

This locality is subject to the fevers of Southern Climates in greater or less degrees of severity, and during that period few or no deposits of Gold are made at the Mint, and this year it will be especially so, as all the Mines of any value in this Neighbourhood have been sold to Northern Companies who will be unable to organize their operations before the beginning of the Fall — the duration of the suspension therefore will extend from about the middle of August to the beginning of October, if the arrangement should meet your approbation.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. Maldwell
Superintendent

Hon.ble James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Treasury Department
July 13. 1853.

Sir

I enclose for your perusal a letter received from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.

If in your opinion, there be no objection to a suspension of the operations of the Branch Mint for the period stated you will be pleased to give the necessary authority to the Superintendent to suspend them.

I am very Respt.

A. P. Washington
Actg Sec of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philada

From
Sec. of Treasury
13 July

Recd
July 14/53

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 13 July 1853.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 1st inst., accompanying your report for June with the Assay Coins reserved during the same month.

I have also to acknowledge yours of the 5th in which you state that you have applied to the Sec. of the Treasury for leave to suspend during the sickly season. The matter has not yet been referred to me by the Department, and I am unable to report any decision on the subject.

Very respectfully
your obt Servt

James Ross Snowden
Director

Green W. Caldwell, Esq
Supt of Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.

No.

Green W. Caldwell.

Supt. Branch Mint

Charlotte.

July 13th 1853.

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Green W. Caldwell.
Supt Branch Mint
Charlotte.

July 13. 1853

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a July 14. 1853.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 13th inst, enclosing a letter from J. M. Caldwell Esq.r Supt. Branch Mint at Charlotte N. Ca. dated 5th inst.

For the reasons stated by Mr. Caldwell and in compliance with a custom heretofore existing I have given him permission to suspend operations from the middle of August until the 30th of September of the ~~present~~ current year.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. R. J. Washington
Acting Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

To
Sec. of Treasury

July 14/53

Mint of the United States,
Philad.a July 14, 1853.

Sir,

The Secretary of the Treasury has referred to me your letter of the 5th inst.

In compliance with a custom of some years and for the reasons stated by you, you are permitted to suspend operations at your Branch of the Mint from the middle of August until the 30th of September in the current year.

I am, very Respectfully
Your &c
James Ross Snowden
Director

G. M. Caldwell Esq.r
Supt. Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca

To

L. W. Caldwell, Esq

Charlotte N.C

14 July 83

July 14/83

Mint of the United States.
Philada July 9. 1853

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 7th inst. I have the honor to state that Mr. George Eckfeldt our Superintendent of dies and machinery would be in all respects a suitable person to perform the duties stated by you. He is an able and experienced Mechanic and of good and reliable judgment. It was under his supervision that the Branch Mint at Charlotte, N. Ca was put in operation. His services are so important to us here that I have to request, in case you should think to California that his absence should be made as short as possible consistently with the duties to a appointment him. I have also to ask what Compensation will be given him.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully your obt. Servt
James Pollock
Director

Hon. J. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury Washn. D.C.

To
Sec. of Treasury

21 July 1853.

Mint of the United States
Philada Dec 19th 1853

Sir,

I have to request that you will prepare and transmit to me as early as possible after the 1st of January next a Report of the Operations of your Branch for the year 1853. I desire this, that no delay may be experienced in making my Annual Report to the President of the United States.

I am very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director

G. W. Caldwell Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Charlotte
N.C.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. C. 2d August 1853.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of July, also the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay = 4 1/2 Eagles = $ 21.60.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
G Maldwell
Superintendent

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Form

L. W. Caldwell, Supt.

Charlotte N. C

2 Aug. 1853

Recd

Aug 9/53

August 1853

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 11 Aug. 1853

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Report for July, together with the package of assay coins reserved during the same month.

Herewith I enclose my account with you since the last settlement presented by my predecessor.

Very respectfully
your obt servt

James Ross Snowden
Director

Green W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. of Branch Mint
Charlotte, N.C.

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G. W. Caldwell, Supt.
Charlotte N.C.

Aug 11/53

Treasury Department
Augt 23 1853.

Sir

I will thank you to transmit as early as may be convenient (say) $2000 in quarter-dimes & ½ dimes, to the Assistant Treasurer at Charleston S.C., as small change is much wanted there for payments to persons employed on the public buildings in the course of erection.

I am very Resp
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

D. Sturgeon Esq
Dr. of the Mint
Philad^a.

1000 ¼
500 d
500 ½ d

Sent Augt 24/53

U. S. Mint, Philad^a.
27 Aug. 1853.

Dear Sir,

I will thank you to send to "Branch Mint, Charlotte, N. C., care of Chambers, Jeffers & Co. Charleston, S.C." one cask of "assorted pot covers".

There will also be needed, for the California Mint, to be shipped within four weeks, from New York, in a cask to be designated, say 400 black lead pots with stirrers. No appropriation has yet been made from which a payment for these can be made, but you will be compensated from the first appropriation by Congress, doubtless early next session. Please state ~~how~~ whether you are prepared to fill the above order, and await your payment as mentioned.

Very truly yours
R. Patterson
for the Director

Walter Cresson, Esq
Phil^a.

To/

Walter Cresson

Commerce St

Phila

Aug 27/53

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 26th Sept. 1853

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 16 Inst I have the honor of transmitting an Estimate of the Expenses of this Branch of the Mint for the fiscal year 1854-55. = $11.000.

In the adjustment of Acc for Ordinary Expenses for the last quarter, the Comptroller has suspended One of the vouchers for want of the receipt of C. H. Spain, be pleased to obtain his receipt and remit it to me at as early a day as convenient, so that I may include it among the vouchers of the present Quarter.

On the 15th August when I suspended the Operations of this Mint, I transmitted you a Report of our Operations for the first half of that Month, enclosing 8½ Eagles = $44. the Coins reserved for the Annual Assay, and requesting a carboy of pure nitric acid for the Assayer and a cask of Pot Covers of assorted sizes for the Melt & Refinery be forwarded in time for our operations on the 1st October, the reception of which has not been acknowledged.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Hon. G. W. Caldwell. Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte
N. C.
26th Sept 1853

R. Oct 1st. 53

Mint of the United States
Philada Oct 8th 1853

Sir

Your letter of the 26th ult: transmitting an estimate of the expenses of the Branch Mint at Charlotte for the fiscal year 1854-55 has been received.

In accordance with your request I have obtained and herewith send you the receipt of Lt Spain

By reference to our files we find that your letter of the 15th of August was received

From Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

14th Sept 1853.

Rec. 16th

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, October 26th 1853.

Sir,

The Act of March 4 1853, c 97, makes it the duty of the Superintendent of the Mint to cause to be paid annually into the Treasury of the United States the profits of the Mint and to present a quarterly account of the expenditures of the Mint to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Although this act does not name the Branch Mints yet it was no doubt intended to include them in its operation. You will please, therefore, to open an account to be called "Bullion deposit Profit & Loss". This account must be credited with the "deductions of one half of one per centum for coinage from the bullion deposits", and with the amount "parted for the Mint and not for depositors".

If Profit & Loss has been credited with these profits, they must be taken out of that account and placed to the credit of the new account, except that portion of the profits arising from what was "parted for the Mint and not for depositors" prior to 1 July 1853.

At the close of each fiscal year, you will transfer the profits standing to the credit of "Bullion deposit Profit & Loss" to the Treasury of the United States agreeably to the Act just cited, and you will please to present the quarterly account required by the said Act through me to the Secretary of the Treasury.

To. Supt. Branch Mint
Charlotte & Dahlonega
Geo

27th Oct 1853,

Office of the Gold Hill Mining Company

New York 27th Oct 1853

J. R. Snowden Esq

Sir

You will much oblige would you inform me at your earliest convenience if the certificates of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N. C will be received and paid at the Mint in Philadelphia. Our Company are working a Gold mine in the vicinity of Charlotte where it is convenient to have our gold coined in the event of the regulations of Treasury being such as to admit of our receiving the money at your mint. If the certificates cannot be received, you may be able to inform me of some other method of transport. if so, you will please make the suggestions.

And oblige

Respectfully Yours &c

J. H. Smith

Pres.

Certs. cannot be paid here.

(No way of transport except

by ~~[illegible]~~

Wm. L. H. Smith
Prest, Albany Comp
N.Y.
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27th 1853

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, November 29th 1853.

Sir,

In order to dispense with the necessity of paying in Silver dollars for the Silver parted from the gold deposits, you will please to cause the calculations to be made conformably to the specimen of abstract herewith enclosed, so that 4 per cent premium on the Silver parted may be added to the net value of the deposit and the warrant may issue for the payment of the total amount in gold coins. This arrangement to take effect now and after the 1st. proxims.

At the close of each quarter, "~~Silver~~ Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss" must be charged with the amount of premium paid to the depositors as above stated.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
James Ross Snowden
Director

Maj G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt of the Branch Mint
Charlotte
N. C.

To C. W. Caldwell Esq.
Supt. Bch. Mint Charlotte

Sent. November 29th, 1853.

Same as that sent to Supts.
Branches at N. Orleans and
Dahlonega of this date with
a similar enclosure.

Nov. November 29th, 1853.

Mint of the United States
Phil, Dec. 13th 1853.

Sir,

In reply to that portion of your letter of the 1st inst. which relates to the Silver Bullion in your possession I have to say that it was only designed to transfer it to this Mint in case you have no use for it, and as it is necessary in your operations you will retain it.

Very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director

[illegible] Esq
[illegible] Mint
Charlotte
N.C.

To. J. M. Caldwell Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Charlotte
N. C.

In relation to transfer of Silver Bullion

Dec, 13th 1838.

Deposites. Nov & Dec
Amount
Whence derived

Foreign Coin.
Foreign Bullion.
U.S. Bullion.

Mint of the United States
Philada Dec. 17th 1839

Sir,

The Silver Bullion deposited by you at this Mint on the 22 Ult. was found to amount to 2013,90 Standard ounces, the value of which is $2,439,28. which has been placed to the credit of the Treasurer of your Branch in his account with me, $400 was paid to Mr. John D. Field and his receipt taken for the same.

The value of the Silver Bullion deposited by you at this Mint on the 22 ult. was, ——— Dollars, which amount has been placed to the credit of the Treasurer of your Branch in his account with the Director of the Mint,

[redacted]

To. Gth. Caldwell Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Charlotte. N.C.

[redacted] requesting. annual Report

Dec. 19th 1839

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. Dec. 19. 1853.

To,

Messrs. E. C. Bowen, James Reynolds, John McGinnis, J. Hosler, Geo. Bratton, Saml. Mossmann, John Heix, Geo. W. Laughlin, C. Mossmann, H. J. Fisher, J. H. Haldeman, Mark Smith, John Monroe, E. W. Slocumb and Edwd. McDonough.

Gentlemen:

Having made the most ample, and I trust satisfactory, arrangements for your passage to San Francisco, it remains for me to say that on your arrival at the place of destination you will report yourselves for duty to Dr. Birdsall the Superintendent of the Branch Mint.

I have full confidence in your integrity and good character, and in your capacity and knowledge as workmen in the Mint. You have my best wishes for your happiness and prosperity in the new homes you will occupy, and the responsible and respectable ~~labors~~ labors you will perform, on the shores of the Pacific.

I am, very truly, & deeply
Your friend,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint of the [illegible]

Mint of the United States
Philada Dec 19th 1883

Sir,

I have to request that you will prepare and transmit to me as early as possible after the 1st of Jany next a Report of the operations of your Branch for the year 1883, I desire this, that no delay may be experienced in making my Annual Report to the President of the United States.

I am very Respectfully

Director

Lt. Wm. Caldwell Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Charlotte
N.C.

To the Workman proceeding
To San Francisco Brilliant

Dec. 19th 1853.

December 1853